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Biden to block oil drilling in Arctic

Ban would cover more than 10 million acres of 'irreplaceable' lands

BY TIMOTHY PUKO

President Biden moved Wednesday to protect more than 10 million acres of Alaska's North Slope from development, barring oil drilling across giant swaths and canceling leases in the iconic Arctic National Wildlife Refuge issued under President Donald Trump.

The conservation push covers nearly half of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), the nation's largest expanse of public land, which provides habitat for a range of sensitive Arctic wildlife, including caribou and shorebirds. It would impose a permanent ban on oil and gas development for 10.6 million acres of the reserve but would not block ConocoPhillips's Willow project, which Biden approved there earlier this year and is poised to produce 576 million barrels of oil over the next three decades.

In a separate move, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland is canceling all seven outstanding leases the Trump administration awarded for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, in the state's northeast corner. Drilling had been banned in the refuge, one of the nation's most pristine natural areas, for decades until Congress ordered lease sales there in 2017. As a candidate, Biden pledged to undo those leases as

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THE HUMAN LIMIT

Pakistan is the epicenter of a wave of health threats from global warming, a Post analysis finds





Climate-linked ills threaten humanity



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Samir Ali bathes his buffalo while his daughter Rozina operates the pump in Jacobabad, Pakistan. Maluka Bibi holds the arm of his son Ali Buksh, 10, while he is given an injection at a heatstroke ward in Sindh province. Farmers take dates off palm trees damaged by the heat wave in Jacobabad.

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BY ANNIE GOWEN, NIKO KOMMENDA AND SAIYNA BASHIR
IN BAGH YUSUF, PAKISTAN

The floods came, and then the sickness.

Muhammad Yaqoob stood on his concrete porch and watched the black, angry water swirl around the acacia trees and rush toward his village last September, the deluge making a sound that was like nothing he had ever heard. "It was like thousands of snakes sighing all at once," he recalled.

At first, he thought villagers' impromptu sandbags, made from rice and fertilizer sacks, had helped save their homes and escape Pakistan's worst floods on record. But Yaqoob — whom villagers call a wadero, or chief — soon realized it was just the beginning of a health disaster. The temperatures rose to triple digits, as the water that would not recede festered in the sun.

An elderly woman died in a boat on the way to the hospital, overcome by heat and dehydration. Dark clouds of mosquitoes bit through even the toughest donkey's hide, spreading malaria to Yaqoob and four dozen of his neighbors. People came down with itchy dermatitis from walking through the floodwaters. Farmers who could not plant in drenched fields began cutting back their simple meals of vegetables and rice from three a day to two. And then, for some, just one.

"I had no idea what miseries this flood would bring for us," said Yaqoob, whose village is in Sindh, the hardest-hit province in a disaster that left a third of the country

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Resistance on repeat to masking at schools

Response to virus uptick again draws educators into a political battle

BY HANNAH NATANSON, FENIT NIRAPPIL AND MAEGAN VAZQUEZ

As school gets underway and coronavirus cases rise, masks are returning to some American classrooms — and reviving the country's fraught political debate over whether face coverings are common sense or an abridgment of freedom.

In Maryland this week, an elementary school principal mandated several days of mask-wearing for a class of kindergartners after at least four people tested positive for the virus. New York's governor announced a plan to distribute free N95 and KN95 masks to schools this fall, although the state is not requiring their use. And in Alabama, a junior high school in Sumter County declared in late August that mask-wearing would begin again for everyone — students, staff and visitors.

Even though these campuses

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Melting point: Schools cancel classes in a brutal heat wave. **A5**

In Kyiv, Blinken pledges $1B in additional aid

Visit comes as doubts swirl around Ukraine's halting counteroffensive

BY DAVID L. STERN AND JOHN HUDSON

KYIV — Secretary of State Antony Blinken pledged an additional $1 billion in assistance to Ukraine on Wednesday during a visit to Kyiv aimed at boosting support for the country as its military makes only incremental gains against entrenched Russian forces and U.S. lawmakers begin debate about future funding for the war.

The top U.S. diplomat said he received a battlefield update from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who had just returned from the front line, and came away with "tremendous confidence that Ukraine will prevail" as it pushes to retake occupied territory.

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Ukrainian soldiers lift an injured woman into an ambulance Wednesday after a Russian rocket strike on a market in the eastern city of Kostiantynivka that left at least 17 people dead and 32 wounded.

For Santos, a life in Brazil at odds with GOP politics

BY TERRENCE MCCOY AND MARINA DIAS

NITERÓI, BRAZIL — The sight of the newcomer took Gino Fonseca by surprise. As one of the city's most prominent drag queens, Fonseca thought he knew most everyone who worked the nightclubs and LGBTQ events. But when he ascended a Pride parade float dressed in his drag persona, Katya Furacão, he saw a dazzling young drag performer he'd never before encountered.

Fonseca watched Kitara Ravache, who wore a red bejeweled dress, with wonder. The newcomer had appeared from nowhere but was already at the top of the local gay scene, dancing alongside the most established drag queens in this Rio de Janeiro suburb.

"She shone," Fonseca recalled.

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Law firm opens diversity fellowship to all students after suit

References to race removed after claims of discrimination

BY TAYLOR TELFORD

A corporate law firm that was accused of racial discrimination for offering a diversity fellowship to law students of underrepresented groups has opened its program to students of all races, according to a change on its website.

A few weeks earlier, Morrison Foerster, based in San Francisco, was sued for excluding nonminority students from the program. The lawsuit was brought by the American Alliance for Equal Rights (AAER), founded by conservative activist Edward Blum, who was behind the cases that culminated in the Supreme Court striking down affirmative action in college admissions. Now his groups are among those launching a broader campaign to dismantle diversity initiatives in the private sector.

Morrison Foerster is one of two law firms facing legal action over diversity fellowships. The AAER lawsuit alleges that the Keith Wetmore Fellowship for Excellence, Diversity and Inclusion at Morrison Foerster "excludes certain applicants based on their skin color."

The application for the fellowship, which started in 2012, used to describe the program as being for first-year law students who are members of "a diverse population that has historically been underrepresented in the legal profession," including Black, Latino, Native American and LGBTQ+ people.

Weeks after the lawsuit was filed, all references to race have been removed from the program page on the Morrison Foerster website. The move signals uncertainty about how the fellowship and others like it will hold up to legal scrutiny as litigants try to translate the race-blind Supreme Court stance on college admissions to the private sector.

The program is now framed as recognizing "exceptional first and second-year law students with a demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession." The change was first reported by the Washington Free Beacon. Morrison Foerster did not respond to a request for comment from The Washington Post.

Among the criteria for fellowship applicants, Morrison Foerster includes an "ability to bring a diverse perspective to the firm as a result of your adaptability, cultural fluency, resilience, and life experiences" as well as a "demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion, and accessibility."

Universities and private employers are "looking for workarounds" amid the legal battle over diversity and inclusion efforts, according to Kenneth Davis, a professor of law and ethics at Fordham University. "In both arenas, they are facing a giant wave of pushback," Davis said. "Human resource departments are scurrying trying to figure out, 'How much ground do we have to give up without giving up the issue altogether?' "

The law industry has long struggled to diversify its workforce. Though Black people comprise about 14 percent of the population in the United States, less than 5 percent of practicing attorneys are Black, a share that has grown less than 1 percent since 2010, according to the American Bar Association. About 10 percent of practicing attorneys fall into other minority groups. Overall, the share of ethnic minorities in the legal profession has grown 6 percent since 2010, according to the association.

Since late June, when the Supreme Court ruled against affirmative action in college and university admissions, there has been a flurry of legal activity that seeks to test the high court's view on the consideration of race in matters of employment.

In July, 13 attorneys general sent a letter to the Fortune 100 chief executives, warning the overturning of affirmative action could have ramifications for corporate diversity, equity and inclusion programs.

America First Legal, the conservative nonprofit group backed by former Donald Trump adviser Stephen Miller, has filed complaints in recent months against Kellogg, Nordstrom and Activision Blizzard, alleging that their diversity and inclusion policies constitute racial discrimination.

Along with the lawsuits against Morrison Foerster and Perkins Coie, AAER has also sued Fearless Fund, a venture capital firm based in Atlanta, over its grant program for early-stage businesses owned by Black women. In the cases against Morrison Foerster and Perkins Coie, AAER has claimed that the firms are violating a section of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 that prohibits racial discrimination in contracts.

"The law abhors racial discrimination. The lawyers who help administer that law are supposed to abhor it too," the complaint against Morrison Foerster states. By operating a fellowship program specifically for law students of Black, Latino and Indigenous descent, as well as members of the LGBTQ+ community, the complaint states that the law firm "has been racially discriminating against future lawyers for more than a decade."

Perkins Coie declined to comment on whether it plans to alter its program, referring to a previous statement on the complaint. "We will defend this lawsuit vigorously," Perkins Coie spokesman Justin Cole said after the lawsuit was filed.

The Wetmore fellowship includes a paid summer associate position, guidance from attorney mentors and an award of $25,000 if the student completes the full summer program and an additional $25,000 if the student returns the following summer and accepts a full-time position upon graduation.

The lawsuits against Morrison Foerster and Perkins Coie seek temporary restraining orders that would bar the firms from selecting fellows, as well as permanent injunctions ending the programs. They also seek declarations stating the programs violate the civil rights statute. AAER "is awaiting a formal reply from Morrison Foerster to the district court to our motion for a preliminary injunction," Blum told The Post.



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The American Alliance for Equal Rights, founded by conservative activist Edward Blum, above, has sued two law firms in a campaign to dismantle diversity initiatives in the private sector.

Prosecutors say they plan to indict Hunter Biden this month

Filing suggests special counsel will seek gun charge in Delaware

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

David Weiss, the newly appointed special counsel tapped to prosecute President Biden's son Hunter after a failed plea agreement, filed court papers Wednesday saying he intends to seek an indictment in the case before the end of the month — even as his lawyers continue to insist prosecutors cannot file such charges.

Weiss's three-page filing to the federal court in Delaware suggests the indictment will be on a gun charge. Hunter Biden had tentatively agreed in June to admit to the facts of illegal gun possession but not actually plead guilty to that charge, as part of a complicated two-part deal with prosecutors that also involved him pleading guilty to two tax misdemeanors.

The timing laid out by Weiss for the gun charge indictment is not particularly surprising, given that legal experts believe the statute of limitations on that alleged crime was set to expire in mid-October. But the filing is another sign that prosecutors plan to charge the president's son with crimes with a little more than a year until the 2024 election — meaning Hunter Biden could end up on trial in the heat of the campaign.

Prosecutors previously have signaled that the proper place to file any tax charges against the younger Biden would not be in Delaware, but in D.C. and California. It was not clear from Wednesday's filing if one or more indictments in those jurisdictions may land at the same time as a gun charge.

The investigation into Hunter Biden began nearly five years ago. Since the 2020 election, it has become a focus of Republicans, including Donald Trump, who have sought to connect President Biden to alleged wrongdoing by his son.

When Biden was elected, the attorney general he appointed, Merrick Garland, chose to keep Weiss as the U.S. attorney to continue the investigation. Republicans have repeatedly attacked Weiss as being unable or unwilling to pursue the case.

Garland had long resisted calls by congressional conservatives to appoint a special counsel in the Biden case, saying Weiss was best suited to handle it. But after the plea deal fell apart, Weiss asked to be named special counsel, and Garland agreed. As special counsel, Weiss can file criminal charges in any jurisdiction in the United States — something that he would have needed special permission to do as a U.S. attorney.

The saga of the Hunter Biden investigation took another strange turn in the spring. Two IRS agents involved in the case told a congressional committee that Weiss and his office had stymied and slow-walked the investigation over many months, frustrating the agents, who said they had wanted to pursue tougher charges in the case.

Hunter Biden's negotiated plea deal fell apart in July, when at a court hearing neither side could agree on the degree to which pleading guilty to the tax charges would protect him from any future charges involving his business dealings in the 2014-2019 time frame.

The two sides have remained far apart. Lawyers for the president's son filed their own notice to the court Wednesday indicating that, as far as they were concerned, the terms of the diversion agreement to settle the gun charge should be in effect. As part of that agreement, Biden was to stay out of trouble and submit to drug testing over a two-year period.

Hunter Biden's lawyer, Abbe Lowell, said in a written statement that his legal team believes the diversion agreement "remains valid and prevents any additional charges from being filed against Mr. Biden, who has been abiding by the conditions of release under that agreement for the last several weeks, including regular visits by the probation office."

DIGEST

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Judge orders state to move border barriers

A federal judge on Wednesday ordered Texas to reposition floating barriers the state placed in the middle of the Rio Grande, rebuking one of the more contentious elements of Gov. Greg Abbott's effort to deter illegal border crossings.

The preliminary injunction granted by Judge David A. Ezra sided with the U.S. Justice Department, which filed a lawsuit in July arguing Texas had no authority to install a 1,000-foot-long segment of the spiked orange buoys in the river, an international waterway where the federal government has jurisdiction.

Ezra, a Reagan appointee, gave Texas until Sept. 15 to move the floating barrier to the U.S. side of the riverbank, in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Texas will be required to cover the cost of moving the barriers, the judge ordered.

Abbott (R) installed the barriers near the town of Eagle Pass as part of Operation Lone Star, his $4 billion state campaign to fortify the border with National Guard troops, concertina wire and other obstacles to illegal crossings. Texas officials said they planned to install floating barriers up and down the river, whose serpentine path spans about two-thirds the length of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Texas did not apply for federal approval to put barriers in the middle of the river, an act that Abbott characterized as a matter of state sovereignty.

Abbott's office said it would appeal the ruling.

— Nick Miroff

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Felony convictions of 4 Navy officers vacated

The felony convictions of four Navy officers in a sprawling bribery case were vacated Wednesday because of prosecutorial misconduct.

U.S. District Judge Janis Sammartino called the misconduct "outrageous" and agreed to allow the four men to plead guilty to a misdemeanor and pay a $100 fine each. The officers on Wednesday pleaded guilty to a charge of destruction of government property, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune.

The officers — former captains David Newland, James Dolan and David Lausman and former commander Mario Herrera — were convicted in one of the worst bribery cases in recent history for the Navy that centered around a defense contractor nicknamed Fat Leonard.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Ko, who was brought on after the four officers were tried last year, told the judge that some of the allegations of misconduct were true, though he did not say which ones. He said his office did not agree with all of the accusations.

More than two dozen Navy officials, defense contractors and others have been convicted on various fraud and corruption charges in the case, which ran over years.

Leonard Francis, the defense contractor, fled from house arrest in San Diego a year ago. He was later captured in Venezuela, where he remains.

A decade ago, Francis was arrested in a San Diego hotel as part of a federal sting operation. Investigators say he and his company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia, bilked the Navy out of more than $35 million by buying off dozens of top-ranking Navy officers with booze, sex, lavish parties and other gifts.

In exchange, the officers, including the first active-duty admiral to be convicted of a federal crime, concealed the scheme in which Francis would overcharge for supplying ships or charge for fake services at ports he controlled in Southeast Asia, investigators said.

— Associated Press

BEFORE THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC LAW JUDGE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF Washington Gas Light Company's Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Services

CASE NO. 9704

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

On May 18, 2023, Washington Gas Light Company submitted to the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") an Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges and to Revise its Terms and Conditions for Natural Gas Services.

A virtual public comment hearing is set for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The public comment hearing is available for viewing on the Commission's YouTube Channel at: https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, please send an email to kimberly.schock@maryland.gov by 12:00 noon on Monday, September 18, 2023. Written comments on this matter may also be submitted electronically or by first-class mail by November 6, 2023. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox for the first-time are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9704. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Ga. prosecutors predict four-month trial in Trump case

Judge remains skeptical of timeline as attorneys attempt to separate cases

BY HOLLY BAILEY

ATLANTA — A trial involving former president Donald Trump and 18 others accused of conspiring to overturn the 2020 presidential election in Georgia will probably take four months, once a jury is selected, and feature testimony from more than 150 witnesses, prosecutors said in court Wednesday.

Such a timeline would force Trump to spend a third of a year sitting in an Atlanta courtroom with his co-defendants, possibly while also running for president and juggling three other criminal cases, including federal charges that he conspired to overturn the 2020 election to stay in power.

The estimate came during a hearing over motions by two of the defendants — former Trump campaign attorneys Kenneth J. Chesebro and Sidney Powell — who have invoked their rights to a speedy trial. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee, who is overseeing the matter, granted those motions Wednesday, setting a joint trial date of Oct. 23 for Chesebro and Powell.

But Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis (D), whose office is leading the case, wants all 19 defendants to be tried at the same time starting on that date. Prosecutors on Wednesday reaffirmed that argument, insisting that separating the cases would mean months-long trials for each of the defendants involving the same witnesses and the same evidence — which they said would be burdensome to the court and parties involved.

"One trial or 19 trials, the evidence is exactly the same," said Will Wooten, a deputy Fulton County district attorney. "The witnesses are exactly the same."

McAfee did not reject a joint trial of Trump and his 18 co-defendants, but he peppered prosecutors with questions and appeared deeply skeptical that proceedings for all 19 could begin next month. He noted efforts by some of the defendants to move their cases to federal court and existing motions from Trump and others who have said they will not be ready for trial by late October.

"It just seems a bit unrealistic to think that we can handle all 19 in 40-something days. That's my initial reaction," McAfee said.

It was the first major hearing since a Fulton County grand jury last month approved a 41-count indictment charging Trump and 18 associates in what prosecutors allege was a vast criminal conspiracy to change the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. It was the first time prosecutors had appeared before McAfee since he was assigned to oversee the case, and at times, they appeared unprepared for his intense questioning about scheduling issues in a sprawling case that is facing legal tests in both state and federal court.

McAfee has assumed the role of legal traffic cop in the sprawling racketeering case, tackling the logistical challenge of setting deadlines and trial dates for the 19 defendants who are already at odds over how and when they should be tried. McAfee, who was nominated to the bench this year, previously worked as a state inspector general and a federal and state prosecutor, including under Willis when she ran Fulton County's complex trial division. He plans to hold a hearing every week to work through the mountain of motions that have already been filed or soon will be.

All the defendants were initially scheduled to appear in arraignment hearings throughout the day Wednesday. But all waived their right to appear and entered not-guilty pleas in motions filed by their attorneys with the court.

Chesebro and Powell each filed demands for a speedy trial, meaning jury selection in their cases would have to begin no later than Nov. 3. Both also asked to sever their cases from the other co-defendants and to be tried individually.

On Friday, Chesebro filed a second request specifically asking not to be tried with Powell. In that motion, Chesebro, through his attorneys, repeatedly claimed he never met or talked to Powell in person or on the phone or exchanged emails, texts or social media messages with her. His attorneys reiterated those arguments Wednesday.

Scott Grubman, an attorney for Chesebro, argued that his client is only implicated in one aspect of the conspiracy charged in the racketeering indictment: the alleged scheme to create slates of alternate electors to undermine the legitimate electoral college vote. He told McAfee that his client not only should be separated from Powell, but also from the others, including Trump, because a jury would not be able to separate the alleged crimes.

"The state wants to make this case about Donald Trump. Donald Trump is one of 19 defendants. Ken Chesebro is another one," Grubman said. "Ken Chesebro is not a politician. Before six, seven months ago, he was probably unknown to 99.99.99 percent of the population. … So now to force him to sit here in a trial where there's evidence of all these other things is just not fair."

Wooten strongly pushed back on that claim, telling McAfee that because the 19 defendants are charged under a racketeering case alleging a conspiracy to subvert the election, "evidence against one is evidence against all."

Five defendants have petitioned to have their cases moved from state to federal court, claiming that they were acting as federal agents — former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows; former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark; and three Georgia Republicans who served as alternate Trump electors and signed documents falsely claiming Trump won in the state: David Shafer, Shawn Still and Cathleen Latham.

U.S. District Judge Steve C. Jones is considering Meadows's motion. In nearly four hours of testimony last week, Meadows defended his post-election actions, saying he was merely carrying out his federal duties as Trump's top White House adviser. Meadows has signaled that if his case is removed, he will immediately file to dismiss the charges. On Wednesday, he filed a motion to sever his case from the other defendants and to stay state proceedings until a "final determination" is made on his request to move his case, including appeals. Jones told Meadows in court last week that he had to continue to participate in state proceedings, even as he challenges the venue in federal court.

Jones has scheduled hearings this month on the other removal requests. If Meadows successfully moves his case, attorneys for some of the defendants have wondered if everyone else will follow.

On Wednesday, McAfee asked prosecutors how the federal removal requests could complicate their request to try all 19 defendants beginning next month. The judge suggested that even if the state were to win its federal motion to keep Meadows and others in state court, the matter is likely to be appealed for an unknown period of time, further complicating state proceedings.

McAfee questioned prosecutors on what might happen if a federal appeals court overturned a lower court's decision to keep Meadows and others in state court.

"Where does that leave us? In the middle of a jury trial with double jeopardy attached? Have you now risked your entire prosecution because this case has now been removed in federal court, and we've sworn in a jury and been presenting evidence against all these other co-defendants?" McAfee asked. "We've got, again, less than two months to figure this out. So I think to kind of charge ahead without coming to some thoughts on this very soon might be risky."

The hearing came as several defendants have filed to sever their cases in the matter — requests that are likely to increase in the coming days given the Oct. 23 trial date for Chesebro and Powell.

Trump's lawyer filed a motion Thursday asking that the former president be tried separately from any co-defendant who seeks a speedy trial date.

Former Trump attorney John Eastman also asked to sever his case. In that motion, Eastman's attorney cited scheduling conflicts, including an ongoing hearing in California over whether Eastman should be disbarred for his role in the efforts to overturn the 2020 election. The filing also questioned the logistics of going to trial so quickly.

"Proceeding to trial in a major RICO case six weeks after indictment obviously does not give sufficient time to prepare for trial," wrote Wilmer Parker, Eastman's Georgia-based attorney. "Such a conclusion should be apparent on the fact of it without the need for sophisticated legal analysis."

In the courtroom Wednesday, attorneys representing several other defendants sat in the gallery observing the hearing. When special prosecutor Nathan Wade told McAfee their estimate of four months to try the case, several attorneys appeared incredulous, whispering to one another.

McAfee said he plans to decide by next Thursday whether all the defendants must be tried at the same time beginning next month.

"I remain very skeptical," McAfee told prosecutors. "But I'm willing to hear what you have to say on it."



JASON GETZ/POOL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee hears motions from attorneys representing former Trump campaign attorneys Kenneth J. Chesebro and Sidney Powell in Atlanta on Wednesday.

"It just seems a bit unrealistic to think that we can handle all 19 [defendants' trials] in 40-something days. That's my initial reaction."

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee, who is overseeing the case in Georgia

Trump accuser Carroll wins liability claims in next New York civil case

BY SHAYNA JACOBS

NEW YORK — E. Jean Carroll — the advice columnist who was awarded $5 million in damages in a civil sexual assault trial against former president Donald Trump in May — won the majority of a related defamation case in a summary judgment decision handed down Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan ruled that the May verdict clearly proved that disparaging comments Trump made about Carroll in 2019 were false. Those comments do not need to be aired again to prove liability to jurors in a civil defamation trial scheduled for January, Kaplan said.

Instead, the jury will hear testimony about whether Trump should pay Carroll damages for defaming her — and decide how much, if any amount, to award.

The decision is yet another legal blow for the ex-president, who is seeking a second term in office in 2024 and is separately facing four criminal indictments and an upcoming civil trial over allegedly fraudulent business practices at his namesake company, the Trump Organization.

Kaplan's ruling sharply limits the scope of what will be heard by a jury and does not give Trump's attorneys room to re-examine Carroll's core allegations: that Trump defamed her during his presidency after she publicly accused him of raping her decades earlier. Nor will the alleged encounter itself — which Trump adamantly denies — be explored in testimony.

The trial will probably be brief, with only a few witnesses called.

Asked for comment on Kaplan's ruling Wednesday, Trump attorney Alina Habba said she was confident that the May verdict "will be overturned on appeal, which will render this decision moot."

Carroll's attorney Roberta Kaplan, who is not related to the judge, said her team is looking forward to the trial in January.

Carroll testified in the trial this spring that she was raped in 1996 inside a dressing room at the Bergdorf Goodman department store in Manhattan after a chance encounter with Trump. Both were public figures at the time — she had an advice program on local TV, and he was a real estate bigwig and well-known figure in New York society circles.

Judge Kaplan ruled that one of the comments made by Trump can be discussed at the trial. In that comment, Trump allegedly disparaged Carroll by suggesting she could not have been raped because she was too unattractive for him to be romantically interested.

Trump did not take the stand at his civil trial this year, but his attorneys argued that Carroll's story was a work of fiction. The jury in that case found him liable for sexual abuse, not rape, although Carroll described a rape in her testimony.

The case scheduled for trial in January was filed three years before the lawsuit that went to trial this spring. It focuses only on defamation, not the alleged rape, because it was filed before the passage last year of a New York law that allows people to sue over long-ago sexual assault allegations.

The 2019 case has been winding through the courts for years, as judges considered whether Trump could be sued over speech that he made while president.

At the trial, jurors will be allowed to also consider Trump's comments at a CNN town hall on May 11, two days after the jury in the first case found him liable for sexual assaulting and defaming Carroll.

At the town hall, Trump repeated earlier assertions that Carroll was mentally unstable and making the story up.

In addition to the January civil defamation trial, Trump is scheduled for trial in Washington in early March on criminal charges of trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election, and separately scheduled for trial in New York in late March on state charges of business fraud connected to hush money payments during the 2016 presidential campaign.

He is also scheduled for trial in Florida in late May on federal charges of improperly retaining classified documents after leaving office, and obstructing government attempts to retrieve the material.

In addition, he and two of his adult children are scheduled for a civil trial in October over allegedly fraudulent business practices at the Trump Organization.

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Blinken sounds an optimistic note amid difficult offensive

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But when asked by reporters what undergirds his optimism, Blinken fell back on a statistic he has cited since July indicating that Ukraine has recaptured roughly half the territory that Russia had seized since the start of its full-scale invasion.

"We are doing everything we can to maximize our support to Ukraine as it pursues the counteroffensive," Blinken said.

Blinken traveled to Ukraine amid a barrage of Russian missile attacks — some that Ukraine shot down, others it did not. A missile strike on a market in the eastern city of Kostiantynivka killed at least 17 people and injured at least 32 in one of the deadliest bombardments in recent months, Ukrainian authorities said.

The two-day trip is Blinken's fourth visit to Ukraine since Russia's invasion started in February 2022 and his sixth since taking office. The $1 billion in new U.S. funding includes air defense components, 155mm artillery ammunition, antitank missiles, air navigation systems and depleted uranium rounds, among other equipment. It also includes $100 million to support Ukraine's long-term military needs and $300 million to help maintain law and order in newly liberated areas.

Zelensky expressed thanks to President Biden and to Congress for showing "great unity" in their support for Ukraine, while noting that this is a "tough period" for his country.

Blinken, a close confidant of Biden, is among Ukraine's staunchest supporters within the administration, repeatedly pushing officials at home and abroad to provide more sophisticated weaponry to Kyiv and tamping down calls for a negotiated ceasefire with Moscow.

His trip comes less than a month after Biden requested that Congress provide more than $24 billion in additional aid for Ukraine as some polls show U.S. public support for continued funding is slipping.

Blinken met first with American diplomats and personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv. Afterward, he laid a wreath at the city's Berkovetske cemetery to commemorate fallen Ukrainian soldiers.

In the afternoon, he returned to the embassy, where he held a roundtable discussion with civil society organizations about anticorruption efforts.

Blinken's event on anti-corruption was aimed at signaling that the Biden administration takes government malfeasance seriously while maintaining its confidence in Zelensky, who announced on Sunday his decision to replace Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov with Rustem Umerov, head of Ukraine's State Property Fund.

Reznikov's ouster comes amid a string of corruption controversies within the Defense Ministry related to the bribery of recruitment officers, and overpayment for food and other military supplies. Reznikov has not been charged or directly implicated in any of the scandals, and there is speculation in Kyiv that he will get another prominent post, perhaps as ambassador to the United Kingdom.

Zelensky has previously taken heavily publicized steps to showcase his resolve in fighting corruption before the arrival of prominent international visitors, as he did in February ahead of a high-stakes meeting in Kyiv with European Union leaders.

Hours before Blinken's arrival, Russia launched a missile assault on the Ukrainian capital, during which the sound of explosions could be heard throughout the city. The head of Kyiv's military administration, Serhiy Popko, said that Russian forces fired cruise missiles and possibly ballistic missiles but that all were all intercepted by air defenses.

Ukrainian officials said the region around the southern port of Odessa, where much of Ukraine's grain export infrastructure is based, was also targeted in the early-morning attack.

But the missile strike in Kostiantynivka was particularly devastating and highlighted the war's civilian toll.

"When someone in the world still attempts to deal with anything Russian, it means turning a blind eye to this reality," Zelensky wrote in a social media post that included video of the deadly strike. "The audacity of evil. The brazenness of wickedness. Utter inhumanity."

Earlier Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov used Blinken's visit to repeat Russia's position that Western aid to Ukraine is futile and will only cause more deaths by prolonging the war.

"We have repeatedly heard statements that they are going to continue to help Kyiv as long as it takes," Peskov told journalists in his daily briefing. "In other words, they are going to continue to keep Ukraine in a state of war and to wage this war to the last Ukrainian, sparing no expense."

Blinken, in remarks to reporters, said Ukraine has something that Russia never will — a reason to continue the battle. "Ukrainians are fighting for their own country, for their own future, for their own freedom. Russians are not," he said.

Blinken arrived in the capital as Ukrainian troops are engaged in a difficult offensive to reclaim occupied areas in the country's south, where Russian forces prepared for the attack by establishing heavily fortified defensive positions and mining huge swaths of territory. Those obstacles have proved extremely formidable.



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ABOVE: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken gets out of a car after arriving at the Foreign Ministry in Kyiv for a meeting Wednesday with his Ukrainian counterpart, Dmytro Kuleba. Blinken's two-day trip is his fourth visit to Ukraine since Russia's invasion started in February 2022 and his sixth since taking office. LEFT: Residents watch Blinken's motorcade in Kyiv. The secretary of state has consistently sought to broadcast an upbeat assessment of Ukraine's efforts to beat back Russia's invasion, and he maintained that message Wednesday. "In the current counteroffensive, we are seeing real progress over the last few weeks," he said, though he fell back on a statistic he has cited since July indicating that Ukraine has recaptured roughly half the territory that Russia had seized since the start of its full-scale invasion.

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> **A senior State Department official,** referencing the upcoming gathering of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly in New York this month

A primary goal of the counteroffensive, which began in early June, is to push south and sever Russia's "land bridge" to Crimea, a vital passageway that allows the Kremlin to supply its invading forces and that creates a protective buffer for the occupied peninsula, which Russia illegally invaded and annexed in 2014.

This year, Russia has fared better in defending its captured territory and has inflicted large casualties on the Ukrainian side while taking significant losses of its own.

Ukraine has made some progress in recent weeks, claiming to take control of the village of Robotyne. But the operation has been slow, and Russian forces simultaneously are fighting to retake occupied territory they lost last year in the northeast.

In recent weeks, the U.S. intelligence community has assessed that Kyiv will fail to achieve a key goal of the offensive, retaking the southeastern city of Melitopol, an important transit hub that Moscow has turned into the occupied regional capital of Zaporizhzhia, one of four Ukrainian provinces that Russian President Vladimir Putin has declared — illegally — to be annexed to Russia.

Privately, senior U.S. officials say Kyiv strayed from Washington's guidance to concentrate a large mass of forces on a single breakthrough point rather than surging along multiple axes. Ukraine has pushed back on second-guessing about its strategy in the counteroffensive, insisting that it knows the war better and asserting that it needs ammunition, not advice.

Blinken, however, has consistently sought to broadcast an upbeat assessment of Ukraine's efforts, a message he maintained Wednesday. "In the current counteroffensive, we are seeing real progress over the last few weeks," he said.

U.S. lawmakers will want to see progress as they weigh a roughly $40 billion supplemental funding request put forward by the Biden administration last month. Besides providing Kyiv $24 billion in additional aid, the request includes funding for U.S. disaster relief and border security.

Some House Republicans want to consider parts of the request separately, as they have limited interest in continuing to spend more money on Ukraine. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) on Wednesday urged Republicans to support the package.

"It's certainly not the time to go wobbly," McConnell said. "Now, with Ukraine bravely defending its sovereignty and eroding Russia's capacity to threaten NATO, it is not the time to ease up. . . . Helping Ukraine retake its territory means weakening one of America's biggest strategic adversaries without firing a shot."

Hard-right GOP lawmakers such as Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (Ga.) and Matt Gaetz (Fla.) have spoken out against sending more aid to Ukraine, saying the conflict is not central to U.S. interests.

Since the start of the war, the Biden administration and Congress have directed more than $75 billion in aid to Ukraine, according to the Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

In recent months, the Kremlin repeatedly has blamed the West for Russia's invasion, which has been condemned by a majority in the U.N. General Assembly. Putin is also facing an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court in The Hague on allegations of war crimes.

As they traveled to Kyiv, Blinken's aides were reluctant to provide an overall assessment on the counteroffensive, saying part of the reason for the trip was to hear from Ukrainian officials about the current state of play. "We'll have more to say about that on the back end," a senior State Department official told reporters who accompanied the secretary, according to a readout of the conversation.

Another reason for the trip is the upcoming gathering of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly in New York this month, Blinken's aides said.

"The Ukrainians have an important mission in New York to continue to explain, to their allies and partners around the world, what's going on and their continued need for support," the senior official said. "It's important for us to continue to lead that global effort to support them. And so having a chance to consult and align before we get to New York is very, very important."

Hudson reported from Washington.

McConnell says there's 'no excuse' not to support additional Ukraine aid

BY AMY B WANG AND MARIANA ALFARO

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) urged lawmakers Wednesday to continue supporting Ukraine, more than a year and a half after Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a full-scale invasion of the country and as some Republicans have wavered in their commitment to sending aid.

"Since Putin's escalation in Ukraine, President Biden has not been as decisive as many of us would have preferred," McConnell said in remarks on the Senate floor. "But this is no excuse for Congress to compound his administration's failures with failures of our own."

Congress is weighing a roughly $40 billion supplemental funding request put forward last month by the Biden administration that includes aid for Ukraine, border security and domestic disaster relief. About half of the funding would go toward new military aid and additional economic, humanitarian and security assistance for Ukraine.

Some Republicans, particularly in the House, want to consider parts of the request separately, as they have limited interest in continuing to spend money on Ukraine.

McConnell noted that member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are united and that Europe has "awakened from its defense holiday" to increase its spending on military aid to Ukraine.

"It's certainly not the time to go wobbly," McConnell said. "Now, with Ukraine bravely defending its sovereignty and eroding Russia's capacity to threaten NATO, it is not the time to ease up. . . . Helping Ukraine retake its territory means weakening one of America's biggest strategic adversaries without firing a shot."

There has been a growing divide among GOP lawmakers over whether the United States should continue to support Ukraine's efforts to fight the Russian invasion. McConnell has been among the GOP voices that have steadfastly supported Ukraine, in stark contrast to former president Donald Trump and some congressional Republicans, who have called for ending or slowing aid to Ukraine.



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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) speaks after a Republican policy luncheon Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) has said he supports Ukraine but not "a blank check," while hard-right GOP lawmakers such as Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (Ga.) and Matt Gaetz (Fla.) have increasingly spoken out against sending aid to Ukraine.

The White House has urged Congress to approve $20.6 billion in additional aid to Ukraine as part of the broader package of roughly $40 billion. McConnell said Wednesday that lawmakers would "have the opportunities" to vote for such aid when considering a short-term spending deal before the end of the month to avoid a shutdown of the federal government on Oct. 1.

On Capitol Hill on Wednesday, McConnell sought to keep his focus on Ukraine despite being peppered with questions on his health. McConnell froze for more than 20 seconds last week while taking questions from reporters after an event in Covington, Ky. It was the GOP leader's second such incident this summer, after he suffered a concussion in March, and it reignited questions about his health and ability to serve in the Senate.

On Tuesday, his office released a letter from the attending physician of Congress, Brian P. Monahan, saying there is "no evidence" that McConnell's episodes were caused by a seizure disorder.

Pressed Wednesday by reporters about his health during a weekly news conference at the Capitol, McConnell said that he has "nothing to add" about his health and that all questions should be answered by Monahan's letter.

Asked if he had any comment on demands from some in the Republican Party that he step down, McConnell said he had "no announcements to make."

"I'm going to finish my term as leader," he said, before ending the news conference.

Earlier Wednesday, McConnell privately addressed Senate Republicans during the group's weekly luncheon. Senate Minority Whip John Thune (R-S.D.) declined to share specific details on what was discussed but noted that McConnell was "strong, sharp."

"I think everybody left feeling very good about where he's at," he said.

Sen. John Cornyn (Tex.) said McConnell told Republicans at their lunch that his freeze-ups are connected to his concussion.

"It boils down to this is just a little harder to recover from a concussion when you're 81 years old," Cornyn said.

Leigh Ann Caldwell contributed to this report.

Masking at school remains divisive

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A pharmacy in New York advertises a variety of vaccines, including coronavirus shots, to passersby this month. Officials are reporting an uptick in covid cases, but few institutions have reinstated mask rules.

are the exception, as few schools require masks, lawmakers and presidential candidates have seized on the issue. A group of Senate Republicans unveiled legislation this week to prohibit federal mask mandates on domestic air travel, public transit and public schools through the end of 2024. On Wednesday, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) shared a warning in response to the Maryland elementary school action: "If you want to voluntarily wear a mask, fine, but leave our kids the hell alone." (The school, Rosemary Hills in Silver Spring, boosted security and kept recess indoors because of online backlash the same day.)

Former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, suggested in a Fox News interview Wednesday that mandated school mask-wearing is an attack on parental rights, and former president Donald Trump promised last month that, if reelected, he would "use every available authority to cut federal funding to any school" that imposed a mask rule.

School administrators say they are not eager to relive the bitter fights over masks and vaccination that dominated the first two years of the pandemic. Josh Tovar, a high school principal in Texas's Garland Independent School District, said his campus is seeing a spike in student and staff infections that is depriving some classes of teachers. But, Tovar said, he would never consider requiring masks again, even if he had that power.

"There's just a different mentality here in this state in regard to the mask," he said. "I literally just left a principals' meeting where we discussed seeing an uptick, but no one mentioned or thought to bring up requiring masks. It's not on the radar."

Others are taking half-measures. In Alabama, Talladega City Schools shared a short post in late August encouraging mask-wearing. But officials stopped short of a requirement, said Superintendent Quentin J. Lee, despite the surge of cases in his district and the emails from teachers concerned about infection. The Talladega Facebook post says: "Please note this is not a mask mandate."

Lee said he wanted to tread carefully because "it's a very polarized subject." He still remembers politically and racially tinged complaints about mask-wearing from earlier in the pandemic.

Since the Facebook post went up, he said, "We've had mixed reviews. Some parents have been very appreciative and thankful. Some parents think that it's a hoax and we shouldn't be doing it — but that's why we made it a suggestion."

The moves toward mask-wearing come as virus rates in the United States are rising by multiple measures, although hospitalizations are far below where they were a year ago. It is difficult to tell how widespread mild cases are because at-home test results are not reported, and many people are not testing, since free tests are no longer widely available. Still, experts worry people are more susceptible to getting the virus in this latest uptick because most Americans have not received the latest booster — including 80 percent of school-age children — and the newest variants are adept at getting around immunity from vaccinations and previous infections.

The Biden administration largely sidestepped the issue Wednesday. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends universal mask-wearing in schools when covid-19 hospitalizations are high, according to the latest guidance. Just 15 counties nationwide, most in Alabama, met that threshold as of late August, including Sumter County, part of Mississippi and several small localities in Montana and Texas.

Asked why the CDC maintains this stance, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre emphasized to reporters that the agency was only suggesting mask-wearing, not requiring it.

"These are guidelines by CDC, what they recommend, what they believe would work," Jean-Pierre said. "It is up to the schools. It is the decisions of the districts . . . to decide what they want to do with the guidelines that they've been provided by CDC."

Mask mandates were instrumental in controlling the spread of the coronavirus during the peak of the pandemic. In the winter of 2020-2021, when nearly 4,000 Americans were dying per day, many saw face coverings as an alternative to the shutdowns of spring 2020. Mask-wearing was seen as paving the way for people to return to churches, schools and restaurants.

The nation's embrace or rejection of mask-wearing soon split along political lines. Republican governors largely eschewed mask requirements after the first year of the pandemic, even when surges of the deadlier delta variant flooded hospitals with severely ill young and middle-aged adults in the summer of 2021 and the highly transmissible omicron variant tore through communities.

State and local health officials in heavily Democratic areas were slower to turn away from mask-wearing. Authorities in those places largely ended mandates after the winter of 2022, saying they were harder to justify as the public grew increasingly weary and the virus became less likely to cause serious illness because of greater population immunity from vaccination and previous infection.

Some school districts, colleges and other institutions continued to require masks to prevent disruptions caused by coronavirus outbreaks, but the vast majority of schools had dropped mandatory mask-wearing by the start of this school year. Many hospitals and doctor's offices, where mask mandates lasted the longest, ended those policies in recent months.

While there's no consensus among public health experts about school mask requirements, proponents say they make sense in the early phases of covid upticks to prevent a bump in cases from turning into a surge. They argue that, even though the virus has become less deadly, older adults and immunocompromised people are still at risk of severe illness and death, and people of different ages and medical histories could develop debilitating long-covid symptoms.

"Some school districts are rightfully going to want to protect vulnerable students," said Tiffany Green, an associate professor in the department of population health sciences at the University of Wisconsin at Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. "Why would we not want to be proactive in protecting students, protecting teachers, protecting staff?"

But schools have to weigh many factors in adopting mask-wearing, said Kate King, president of the National Association of School Nurses. And one of them is society's political and cultural appetite for mask-wearing, which King sees as almost nil at this point.

"Unless there is a mask mandate to support schools from a local health department or jurisdiction, it's very difficult for schools to mandate masks," she said. "Parents and students and staff want to hear scientific backing."

Most importantly, King said, parents should keep youngsters home when they seem ill.

In Louisiana, the Calcasieu Parish School Board is placing emphasis on keeping everything clean, said Ronnie Harvey Jr., the district's administrative director of special education and alternative programs. Calcasieu is seeing a bump in cases alongside an escalation in sinus issues and allergy-related illnesses. Some of that is typical for the season, but some might be covid, Harvey said. He and other school administrators have discussed imposing mask rules, but Harvey is leery of the idea.

"I'm going to be honest with you. Based off of what we've seen in the past, I think the community wants the autonomy to make that decision," he said.

He said the district will consider universal mask-wearing if it gets to the point where so many infected students and staff are missing school that it impedes instruction. But it will have to be backed up by scientific research and, ideally, recommendations from the local health department, he said.

Local public health officials, however, have said the time for widespread mask requirements is past, arguing they are divisive and politicized — and noting there are now other tools to fight covid, including vaccines and antivirals. Meanwhile, nearly a dozen mostly red states (including Oklahoma, Florida and Georgia) have banned school districts from enforcing mask mandates, although some of these bans were later overturned, according to a 2022 EdWeek analysis.

Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), whose district includes the Montgomery County kindergarten, said a mandate can still be a sensible, "science-based" answer to an outbreak. "Rosemary Hills Elementary addressed a small covid outbreak with appropriate prevention measures that unfortunately, though inevitably, drew the attention of right-wing covid deniers," he said.

To parent Christina Headrick in Northern Virginia, the fact school officials and politicians nationwide are having conversations about mask-wearing illustrates a frustrating failure.

Much earlier in the pandemic, Headrick, who has two children in public school, helped launch a parent group and website dedicated to ensuring a safe return to classrooms in Arlington County. The group advocated in particular for improved ventilation and air filtration. Almost three years later, Headrick feels her efforts have gone unheeded — not only in Arlington, but throughout the country.

"The real issue here isn't mask mandates or not mask mandates. It's a complete failure to address the core issue, which is our public schools need to have a major upgrade in terms of clean air," she said.

If her children's schools ever reinstated mask-wearing to address an outbreak, Headrick said, she would probably be okay with it, so long as officials' reasoning passed muster. But another part of her would be furious. She always thought masks should be a tool of last resort, when every other method flopped. Instead, they're at the center of the debate. Again.

"Masks are such a political issue. We're not talking about the right things," she said. "I can't believe we are in this place, still."

Nicole Asbury contributed to this report.

As temperatures keep rising, schools are shutting down

BY LAURA MECKLER

Schools across the Mid-Atlantic and the Northeast closed or dismissed students early this week as a heat wave pounded a swath of the country with scorching temperatures.

Heat days — the corollary to more common snow days — are the new thing, and experts say families should expect more of the same in the coming years.

Sweltering temperatures, high humidity and lack of ventilation make for a toxic combination in older school buildings that lack air conditioning.

With near-record temperatures this week, it can be impossible to learn and even dangerous for children in stifling classrooms, leading school leaders to send them home as the school year was beginning.

In Southern states, air conditioning has long been a necessity, and schools typically are outfitted with centralized systems. But cooling systems were considered unnecessary in the older cities of the Northeast when buildings were constructed decades ago. Now, with climate change producing hotter weather, the calculations are changing.

In Philadelphia this week, students at dozens of schools without air conditioning were dismissed midday over "extreme heat." In Baltimore, schools without air conditioning were released early or, in some cases, moved to remote learning. Detroit-area schools and districts across New Jersey closed early. And classes were canceled in schools across Northeast Ohio.

Last month, Chicago teachers were told to keep lights and computers off when possible, and students were advised to wear "loose, light, cotton clothing." Athletic events were postponed, and practices canceled.

A heat wave that began Saturday over the central states expanded into the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions on Sunday and Monday. Record highs were set in dozens of places across the country, with more than 80 million Americans under heat alerts.

Megan Kennedy, a science teacher at Parma Community Middle and High School, a charter school in northeast Ohio, said Tuesday was "pretty miserable" in her building, which is only partially air-conditioned. Her second-floor classroom does not have cooling, so she brought her classes into the auditorium, where various classes clustered to take advantage of the available air conditioning.

"I didn't really teach," she said. Instead, students were given a reading assignment they could complete using their laptop computers. "We made it work."

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> **Shari Camhi,**
> Baldwin Union Free School District superintendent

Still, she was pleased to learn that her school would close Wednesday, saying the idea that a student might pass out or get sick from the heat adds stress to her day.

"I do think schools call off for heat a whole lot more than they used to," she said. "When we were growing up, we never got days off for heat."

Shari Camhi, superintendent of the Baldwin Union Free School District on Long Island, said she realized something needed to change when she walked into a classroom last October with a thermometer and it read 95 degrees.

"You can't learn in that kind of environment," she said. "It's not possible."

Helped by her local assemblywoman, Camhi said, the district was given a state grant to pay for air conditioning units. Installation was completed in most classrooms two days before the current late summer heat wave arrived.

"Our guys have frantically been working this whole summer to get those air conditioners in," she said. "It's been a game changer."

She said the district would have preferred to install central air conditioning, but with buildings up to 110 years old, it would have cost some $40 million. The units cost about $450,000, plus extra needed to increase the electric capacity in some schools.

A 2020 study by the Government Accountability Office found that about 41 percent of public school districts in the United States need to update or replace the heating, cooling, and ventilation systems in at least half of their schools. That represented about 36,000 schools nationwide.

It's not just about comfort. Experts said that too much heat inhibits learning. In a 2020 study published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour, researchers found that students scored worse on standardized exams for every additional day of 80-degree or higher temperatures.

The result is more and more school cancellations. A decade ago, school districts canceled schools for heat an average of three or four days per year, according to research by Paul Chinowsky, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Colorado. That figure has about doubled, to six or seven days annually, according to his study conducted for the firm Resilient Analytics, which consults for governments and NGOs.

Some communities have the wherewithal to make upgrades. In North Shore School District 112, about 25 miles north of Chicago, the schools are investing more than $200 million on modernizations, including the addition of air conditioning. The money comes from savings and borrowing, much of it approved through a community vote.

"Boy, oh boy, is it expensive," superintendent Michael Lubelfeld said. "Believe me, I hate to ask the board to tax people. We do not do it lightly, and we do not do it with any pleasure whatsoever. But kids can't learn if they don't feel comfortable or safe."

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The British Government is poised to pass the Northern Ireland Legacy and Reconciliation Act, which amounts to a blanket amnesty for its state-sanctioned murderers in Northern Ireland.

More than 3,500 people, many innocent, unarmed civilians, were killed in Northern Ireland in the recent 50 year struggle, many of them by British Government operatives—the Army, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and lawless mercenaries working hand in glove with British Government agents. Their victims included two prominent civil rights lawyers who were assassinated. With amnesty for these murders, justice delayed will forever be justice denied.

This contemptible bill has been opposed by every political party in Northern Ireland as well as by the Irish Government, Amnesty International, the Law Society of Northern Ireland, the Council of Europe, the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, Relatives for Justice, the Catholic Primate of Ireland, the Church of Ireland, and a group of 27 bipartisan members of Congress. Even the UK's own House of Lords voted against the bill before the Commons overrode them.

The British Government's butchery of its own citizens in Northern Ireland echoes a long, sordid history of violence against cultures across the globe, from Rhodesia to South Africa to India to China.

Victims and their families must depend on the Irish Government to commence an interstate case before the European Court of Human Rights to overturn this deeply hurtful law.

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A warming world will push all of us to think like Floridians



Climate Coach

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When I was growing up in Florida, my friend and I played a game in the backyard. We'd get shovels to dig as deep as we could. After uncovering a few inches of black soil, we'd reach white sand. Then it was beach all the way down.

It dawned on me, around that time, that I was living on an ancient seafloor.

Florida was developed under the assumption that canals, pumps and clever engineering could turn swamps and sandbars into cities, reversing the state's geological history. For decades, those tools mostly worked.

But recent storms and floods are highlighting Florida's tenuous status as dry land. We're entering a more extreme climate regime, Hurricane Idalia's record-breaking storm surges and roaring winds remind us. It's one that could overwhelm even a state used to the onslaught.

For Americans living elsewhere, it might be easy to dismiss what happens to Florida, a vulnerable peninsula jutting into the Atlantic Ocean. But Florida is not an exception. It's just early.

As climate change advances, the rest of the country will see old assumptions crumble as other communities get hit by calamitous natural disasters, unaffordable insurance, stranded real estate and other problems Florida is facing now.

"Florida is really the tip of the spear on climate impacts," said Rachel Silverstein, a marine biologist and head of Miami Waterkeeper. "Living in Florida is already living on the brink of where humans can survive."

I spoke with scientists, policy experts and Florida residents about what the rest of us can expect, and what the Sunshine State has to teach us.



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Children play atop an off-road vehicle in Horseshoe Beach, Fla., on Aug. 31, just a day after Hurricane Idalia hit the state. "Florida is really the tip of the spear on climate impacts," said Rachel Silverstein, a marine biologist and head of Miami Waterkeeper. "Living in Florida is already living on the brink of where humans can survive."

Don't bet you'll be able to afford home insurance

Florida's insurance marketplace is a hot mess. Climate-related disasters have inflicted billions of dollars in damage, while unscrupulous insurers, fraud and poor regulation mean bankrupt insurance companies have left many homeowners with nothing.

Premiums are skyrocketing. In the United States, the average homeowners insurance premium is $1,900 a year. In Miami, it's $5,000. Yet property and casualty insurers, as a whole in Florida, haven't turned a profit since 2016.

And climate disasters are only going to become more frequent, intense and expensive, even with massive investments in adaptation.

Insurers are now waking up to — and attempting to price in — these risks: "Climate risk is driving insurer decisions like never before," writes Benjamin Keys, a professor of finance and real estate at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

For now, regulation is holding prices in check in some places.

But once disaster risks are fully priced in, entire states will probably see premiums soar, and disaster-prone areas may become uninsurable, with policies not even offered. Many people will risk everything by going without coverage.

If you thought this was a coastal problem, think again.

Anyone living in the path of wildfires, floods, hailstorms and other natural disasters will find an unstable climate far more expensive.

Insurance troubles are already spreading beyond Florida to Louisiana and California, where floods and wildfires have put multiple insurance companies out of business or forced their exit.

Your intuition about extreme weather no longer applies

Idalia jumped from a Category 1 hurricane to a Category 4 in a single day. The storm was supercharged by ocean temperatures off Florida that have reached 101 degrees this year.

Strong storms have made landfall before, of course. But we've never seen conditions so favorable to fueling them. Climate change is also intensifying droughts, wildfires and floods.

We tend to see climate change as a gradual process. But we may be leaving behind a climatically stable period, the 10,000-year-old Holocene, for the Anthropocene, a proposed geological epoch in which human activity has transformed the climate and ecosystems. Rapid changes beyond anyone's personal experience are likely.

"Very little in nature is linear," Silverstein said. "The expectation that we'd see this change in any sort of regular way is an incorrect expectation."

Your children may not inherit your house

Millions of homeowners in coastal Florida are already living with the likelihood that their property will be underwater this century. Researchers and government agencies estimate rapid sea-level rise in the coming decades: 10 to 17 inches by 2040 and up to 4.5 feet by 2070, according to an estimate commissioned by local authorities.

You can see how climate change is predicted to inundate low-lying communities on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's maps for sea-level rise.

"The idea we can build walls doesn't work. It will come in from underneath," said Harold Wanless of the University of Miami. "When sea levels rise, it will be impossible to keep the water out. We're all going to have to look at moving on."

Many will confront the need for climate migration. The federal government has already spent millions of dollars to resettle families from Wisconsin and Illinois to escape floodwaters.

If you do want to pass on your home, expect climate risks to lower property values. Keys's research found that prices for coastal Florida real estate had already begun reflecting sea-level risk as early as 2010, shaving about 5 percent off prices compared with those in less exposed communities. "In 50 years, the result could be miles of unlivable homes," Keys writes.

Your town will need new infrastructure

South Floridians are already seeing the limits of existing infrastructure. Rising sea levels mean the canals they rely on to keep homes dry can no longer drain during storms. Waste in septic tanks has nowhere to go as intense rains and rising seas boost water-table levels, contaminating water supplies.

"We can no longer depend on gravity to be able to move water off the land, so pump stations are becoming necessary," Nancy Gassman, Fort Lauderdale's assistant public works director in charge of sustainability, told the Miami Herald.

While Miami plans to spend $3.8 billion to elevate roads and install more than 100 pumps, those are just stopgaps.

These kinds of challenges are beginning to show up across the country. Extreme heat is melting roads, buckling train tracks and expanding bridges beyond their limit. Water supplies in desert cities such as Phoenix are running short, while scorching heat and frigid lows are testing electricity grids.

What you can do

Floridians have vowed to rebuild in the wake of Idalia. But there are no easy answers. "We have to seriously question not just rebuilding after a disaster, but building our infrastructure with the acceptance the next 50 years will not look like the last 50 years," Silverstein said.

Adapting means major, long-term shifts in how we think. Changing our mind-set, Silverstein says, is one of the most powerful things people can do in their own community — and country.

"The best thing I've come up with is something our mayor [Miami-Dade County's Daniella Levine Cava] said about civic engagement: 'Every day you can read something about an issue to learn about it, every week you can make a call about something or send a letter, and every month you can show up to a meeting or community group.' We can all do that," Silverstein said.

Scientists warn that invasive pests pose 'tremendous threat' to civilization

BY DINO GRANDONI

Invasive pests are wreaking havoc across the planet, destroying crops, disseminating pathogens, depleting fish that people rely on for food and driving native plants and animals toward extinction, according to a major report backed by the United Nations.

The landmark assessment found that more than 3,500 harmful invasive species cost society more than $423 billion a year, a tally only expected to grow as the modern age of global trade and travel continues to supercharge the spread of plants and animals across continents.

By hitching a ride on cargo ships and passenger jets, exotic species are bridging oceans, mountain ranges and other geographic divides that would be insurmountable without human help. The result is a great scrambling of the planet's flora and fauna, with dire implications for humans and the ecosystems they depend on.

"One of the things that we stress ... is the tremendous threat this does pose to — and I know this is going to sound grandiose — but to human civilization," said Peter Stoett, an Ontario Tech University professor who helped lead a group of about seven dozen experts in writing the report. The cost estimate, he added, is "extremely conservative."

The spread of plants and animals between continents is one of the main causes of Earth's ongoing biodiversity crisis, an extinction event on par with the asteroid that killed the dinosaurs.



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The water hyacinth, originally from South America, is the most widespread invasive plant on Earth, according to researchers.

Invasive species are playing a role in 60 percent of extinctions, according to the report.

As more harmful invasive species take hold and multiply, humanity faces profound risks, too, as pests threaten to eat through croplands and spread mosquito-borne illnesses and other diseases.

"It's normal that species move," said Aníbal Pauchard, a professor at the University of Concepción in Chile who with Stoett co-chaired the group behind the report. But what is unprecedented, he added, is today's era of plants and animals leaping the "big barriers" between continents.

"It's not normal that a species crosses the Atlantic," he said. "Not normal that it goes from Australia to Chile."

The report, over four years in the making, was written by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), a body made up of more than 140 countries that provides policymakers with scientific assessments to help protect Earth's biodiversity and prevent extinctions. A summary of the findings was approved over the weekend in Germany and released Monday, with full chapters slated to be published later this year.

The body concluded that the threat from invasive species is "underappreciated, underestimated and often unacknowledged," with only about a sixth of the world's nations having laws or regulations on the books addressing invasive plants and animals. With new species introduced at an "unprecedented" rate of 200 a year, the problem is expected to get worse before it gets better.

The most widespread invasive animal, according to the report, is the black rat, which spread by stowing away on ships and scurried its way not only into dense cities but onto far-flung islands, where it has decimated ground-nesting seabirds and other animals. The impact of land-dwelling rats on islands is so profound that even nearby reef fish can feel it after the rodents alter the flow of nutrients into the ocean.

Remote islands are particularly prone to the dangers, as they often harbor plants and animals found nowhere else.

On Guam, for instance, the voracious brown tree snake has already driven several native birds to extinction. On Maui, the destructive power of invasive vegetation was on full display last month after introduced grasses fueled wildfires that killed more than 100 people.

Many invasive species have taken hold in aquatic ecosystems, too. In the Caribbean, venomous lionfish are driving down the numbers of native fish. In the Great Lakes, zebra mussels are clogging the intake pipes of drinking-water systems and power plants.

But one of the most devastating aquatic invaders is a delicate-looking flower.

The water hyacinth, originally from South America, is a free-floating plant that grows so quickly that it can cover entire ponds and lakes, leaving a matted mess that impedes boat traffic and fishing. In some cases, the plants suck up so much water that they leave lakes dry and communities without drinking water. The report deemed the water hyacinth, which is popping up everywhere from Africa to Australia, the most widespread invasive plant on Earth.

Even Antarctica is not spared. The introduction of invasive grasses coupled with rising temperatures puts portions of the southern continent at risk of converting into grasslands.

Beyond invasive species, the four other key drivers of extinction are climate change, habitat destruction, pollution and direct exploitation of species, with a million plants and animals at risk of vanishing for good.

Climate change is poised to make the problem of invasive pests worse by enabling animals such as tropical fire ants to march north into higher latitudes.

"With climate warming, there will be some species that would not have been able to establish and thrive in some of the regions of the world, but going forward they will be able to establish and thrive," said Helen Roy, a British ecologist and a third co-chair of the assessment.

Invaders, in turn, can exacerbate climate change. Tree-killing insects such as the emerald ash borer spreading through North America make it more difficult for forests to sequester carbon out of the atmosphere.

"The intersectionality of this report with the U.N.'s climate change goals is profound," said Leigh Greenwood, who works on forest pests and pathogens for the Nature Conservancy, a global environmental nonprofit.

In December, nations agreed to try to reduce the spread of harmful invasive species by at least half by 2030 as part of an international accord hammered out in Montreal. The best way to deal with them, according to the report, is stopping them from entering in the first place through border monitoring and import control.

"We keep coming back to: prevention, prevention, prevention," Stoett said.

Even when an invasive species has taken hold, eradication is possible, especially on islands. Conservationists have exterminated the rodents plaguing the South Atlantic island of South Georgia, while others working in the Galápagos have rid some of the islands of destructive goats.

And emerging technologies offer hope, too, even as they cause controversy. In Hawaii, officials are preparing to release a special strain of bacteria to suppress mosquitoes carrying an avian form of malaria that's killing songbirds. Others are trying to tinker with the genes of mosquitoes and other pests to control their numbers.

"Every challenge that nature faces compounds all the others," said Monica Medina, a former State Department official for biodiversity who now runs the Wildlife Conservation Society. "Invasive alien species are adding stress to fragile ecosystems already facing a plethora of other threats."


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THE WORLD

Amid record heat, even indoor factory workers enter dangerous terrain

Climate change is making it unbearable to labor in Asia's factories

BY REBECCA TAN AND VASAPA WANICHWETHIN

BANGKOK — When temperatures in Thailand shot past 112 degrees earlier this year, the government issued extreme heat warnings for large swaths of the country. It wasn't safe, officials said, to be outdoors.

But Rungnapa Rattanasri, 51, didn't work outdoors.

She worked inside, on the second floor of a dilapidated garment factory with no fans or air-conditioning.

For $10 a day, she cut and trimmed bolts of rayon in rooms where the ambient temperature regularly exceeded 100 degrees. One evening in May, near the end of what climatologists said was probably Southeast Asia's longest and most brutal heat wave on record, Rungnapa said it felt as though the engine that kept her running had been emptied. "Inside here," she said, circling her head and her chest with her palms, "Nothing left."

Extreme heat caused by human-induced climate change has wreaked havoc on the bodies of outdoor workers, from delivery drivers in India to construction workers in Qatar. Now, heat scientists and labor researchers say even those who labor indoors are not safe. Across Southeast Asia's manufacturing hubs, rising temperatures, mixed with high humidity, are leaving workers like Rungnapa baking in poorly ventilated sweatshops.

"They are suffering. Obviously, they are suffering," said Yuka Ujita, a specialist in occupational health at the International Labor Organization. "But we don't know exactly how."

The impact of extreme heat is understudied in Thailand, as it is in much of the tropical world. Communities here have spent generations acclimatizing themselves to warm, humid weather, developing both biological and social adaptations. But the pace of climate change is driving temperatures beyond what even the most heat-adapted communities can handle. Like a frog in a pot of boiling water, Southeast Asia may not respond to rising temperatures until it is too late, scientists say.

Unlike in the United States or in Europe, heat here is constant and chronic, said Jason Lee, a Singaporean scientist leading one of the first in-depth studies into heat stress in Southeast Asia. There are not seasonal spikes in temperature that cause mass fatalities like in the Global North. But because it is already so hot, every incremental rise in mercury pushes communities closer to the "human limit" of what's tolerable, Lee said. "Our leeway," he added, "is getting tighter and tighter."

Vietnam and Laos both set new heat records this year, as did Thailand. Since 2018, the number of provinces in Thailand where the temperature has exceeded 105 degrees has jumped from 15 to 52, or two-thirds of them, according to data from Thailand's meteorological agency.

It is clear the country is getting hotter, said Benjawan Tawatsupa, a senior researcher at the Ministry of Public Health. But there is not much the government knows about what this is doing to people, in part because doctors in the country rarely even diagnose heat illnesses even if patients are showing clear symptoms, she added. Like an iceberg, Benjawan said, making her hands into a triangle, "what we know is only very small."

Thailand does not have a heat health warning system or a comprehensive database tracking heat-related illnesses, and it does not consider heat waves as potential emergencies in the way it does typhoons or awful bouts of air pollution. In a country where manufacturing makes up more than a quarter of GDP, the Ministry of Labor said it has not done research yet into the impact of heat stress on workplaces.



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Workers labor in a steel recycling factory on the outskirts of Bangkok during the worst heat wave on record.

Among the most overlooked aspects of heat in South and Southeast Asia is its impact on indoor workers, said Lee, the lead investigator of Project HEAT-SAFE at the National University of Singapore.

Health care workers who have to don thick protective equipment while decontaminating patients lose focus and take more risks when they are overheating, Lee's research has found. Foundry workers who work in front of industrial furnaces find it harder to cool off when the temperature outside is higher than normal, which can make them more prone to accidents, other studies show. At garment factories in Cambodia and in Bangladesh, researchers have found indoor temperatures higher than 95 degrees.

"Indoor heat is real," Lee said. "And in fact, it's getting worse."

Somboon Srikhamdokkae, a labor organizer at the Work and Environment Related Patient's Network of Thailand (WEP-T), said she hadn't thought closely about climate heat until earlier this year when she saw a friend faint from heat exhaustion during a march in downtown Bangkok. As she bent to help him, she said, she collapsed herself.

What's going on with the climate is "abnormal," said Somboon, 64. She spoke while riding a bus back to Bangkok after visiting a factory in the city's old industrial estate with labor organizers across Asia.

Representatives from Taiwan, Bangladesh and Indonesia reported that factory workers in their countries were complaining more about the heat. But they asked what labor groups could do. It had been hard enough trying to hold employers accountable for behavior like dumping waste into local waterways and exposing workers to harmful chemicals, said Somboon, who used to work in a garment factory. Who, she asked, would take responsibility for the heat?

Even in advanced economies like the United States, most workers have no legal protection against extreme heat.

The Biden administration has proposed federal regulations but it faces opposition from employers and could take years to finalize, experts say. Countries like Thailand are far further behind.

At a factory producing steering wheels just outside Bangkok, workers this year formed a "heat committee" to rally for air conditioning but did not succeed. Nearby, at a glass manufacturer, laborers said they'd tried pleading for more "cooling spots" but were also rebuffed. A manager at a steel factory who identified himself only by his first name, Anan, said the old ceiling fans in his factory were recently replaced but there wasn't money to do much more. The government, he added, has provided no help.

Chadchart Sittipunt, Bangkok's popular governor who campaigned on making the city livable, said it is difficult to "create a collective sense of urgency" over extreme heat. Thailand struggles with dangerously high levels of air pollution from seasonal crop burning, and deadly monsoon floods. Even in the city's nascent conversations over climate mitigation, heat rarely tops the agenda.

But the heat wave this year, Chadchart said, was a ringing "wake-up call." His office has promised to build more than 25 new parks in Bangkok, which researchers say has less than seven square meters of green space per person — one of the lowest ratios in Asia. When asked about indoor heat, however, the governor said he hadn't given it much thought. According to labor groups, workers in Bangkok's old industrial estates had been suffering — did he know?

"That's interesting," Chadchart replied, "I'll have to look into it."

At Rungnapa's rayon factory, workers said they'd long ago given up on pressing their managers or waiting for government intervention to change their working conditions. Instead, the women here, primarily in their 40s and 50s, kept wet towels around their necks and used smelling salts when they started to feel faint from dehydration. Every few hours, they lined up in front of the bathroom sink, where they splashed water on their arms. (Managers at the factory, which workers asked The Washington Post not to name to avoid reprisals, declined requests for comment.)

Many of the workers came to the city decades ago from Thailand's rural northeast, hoping to escape a life of laboring outside in rice paddy fields.

Now, they said, they relished opportunities to go outside, where at least they could feel the breeze. Like other low-wage workers, going home at the end of a shift provided little reprieve; few of them have air-conditioning.

"If you can recover, you can go back to feeling better and regulating what's going on inside," said Lee, the Singaporean scientist. "When you can't, the heat accumulates. Gradually, you get heated out."

In 2016, the last time Thailand had a major heat wave, Rungnapa and her husband bought a small air conditioning unit. They'd used it sparingly for years, she said, but doctors told her recently that her blood pressure was alarmingly high, and she worried that the heat had something to do with it.

One recent evening, as she walked the stairs up to her 250-square-foot apartment, Rungnapa debated whether to switch on the air conditioning.

It was still more than 90 degrees out, and it'd been an especially scorching week inside the factory. But her electricity bill had tripled since March, she said, reaching for the rumpled bills stuffed into a tin can.

Rungnapa sat cross legged, thinking as she sipped on cold milk. She'd heard on the radio the day before that it could rain, she said aloud. She hoped it would.



Thailand's heat index hit a record high of 129 degrees earlier this year. In the capital Bangkok, temperatures rose to 105 degrees.

DIGEST

GREECE

Ferry captain, crew charged in drowning

A Greek prosecutor brought criminal charges Wednesday against an island ferry captain and three of his crew members over the death of a tardy passenger whom a crew member pushed into the sea as he tried to board the departing vessel in Greece's main port of Piraeus.

One crew member was charged with homicide with possible intent, and the other two with complicity, while the captain was charged with severe breaches of shipping regulations, state-run ERT television reported.

Greece's minister for merchant marine, Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, expressed "shock, horror and sorrow" at the incident, and identified the victim as Andonis Kargiotis, 36.

The incident late Tuesday, captured on video and shared on social media, sparked anger across the maritime country.

The crew appeared to do nothing to help him, and the ferry continued sailing toward the island of Crete before being ordered back to Piraeus.

The coast guard said the man was recovered unconscious from the harbor waters and later pronounced dead. An autopsy determined drowning as the cause of death.

Attica Group, which owns the Blue Horizon, expressed sorrow for Kargiotis's death and pledged an investigation into the "unthinkable" incident.

— Associated Press

ISRAEL

2 injured in stabbing in Jerusalem's Old City

One man was critically wounded and another person slightly hurt in a stabbing attack Wednesday in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli police said.

A police statement said the suspect, a 17-year-old from East Jerusalem, had been apprehended.

Violence has swept across the occupied West Bank over the past 18 months, with occasional attacks in Jerusalem.

Rafi HaCohen, an emergency responder who happened to be nearby when the attack took place, said he found a man in his 50s on the ground, bleeding profusely from multiple stab wounds.

Israel's Channel 12 showed images of bloodstains on the sidewalk outside the Old City gate that is a main entry for tourists. Police had closed off the area around the attack.

A spokesperson for the Islamist Hamas group that controls Gaza praised the attack but did not claim the attacker as a member. "The operation in Jerusalem proves that all crimes conducted by the occupation will not stop the escalating resistance," spokesperson Mohammad Hamada said.

— Associated Press

Turkey asks E.U. to advance its membership bid: Turkey's top diplomat on Wednesday affirmed his country's resolve to join the European Union and urged the 27-member bloc to take courageous steps to advance its bid. Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan made the comments in a news conference with the E.U.'s top official for enlargement. Their meeting in Ankara came as Turkey tries to put its strained relations with the E.U. back on track. The country became a candidate to join the E.U. in 1999 and started membership negotiations in 2005. The negotiations, however, came to a standstill in 2018 over Turkey's democratic backsliding and erosion of the rule of law under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

U.S. imposes sanctions on Sudanese paramilitary leader over human rights abuses: The United States imposed sanctions Wednesday on Sudanese paramilitary commander Abdel-Rahim Hamdan Dagalo for acts of violence and human rights abuses committed by his troops in their months-long conflict with Sudan's army. The U.S. Treasury said in a statement that it had sanctioned Abdel-Rahim — a senior military commander and brother of Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, who is the head of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces — accusing him of leading a group of soldiers responsible for "the massacre of civilians, ethnic killings, and use of sexual violence."

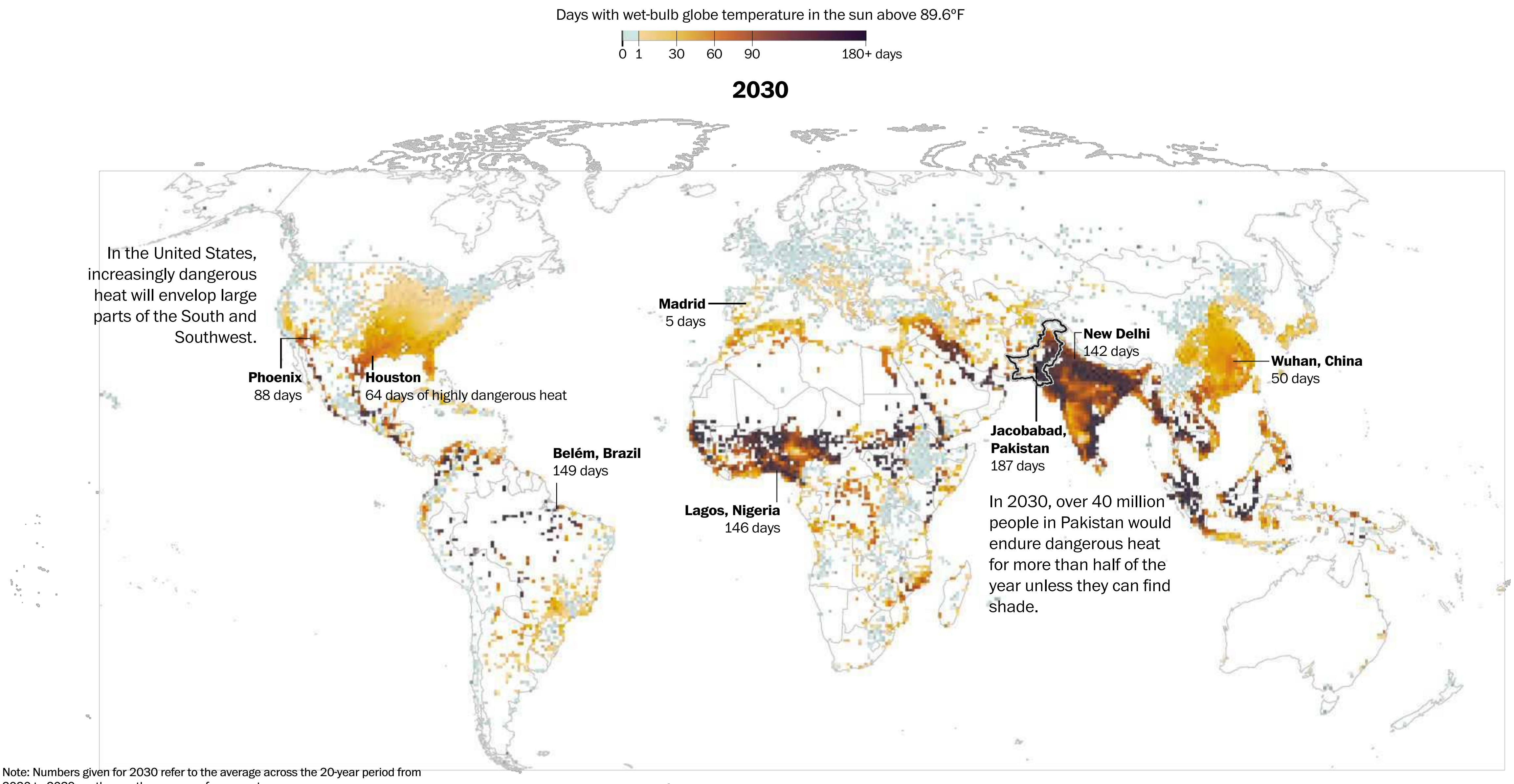
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THE HUMAN LIMIT

Where people will experience highly dangerous heat

Wet-bulb globe temperature is a heat metric that captures the impact of four weather elements on our body: air temperature, humidity, sun radiation and wind speed.



Note: Numbers given for 2030 refer to the average across the 20-year period from 2020 to 2039, as the weather can vary from year to year.
Source: Post and CarbonPlan analysis

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Climate-fueled disease is an emerging — and lethal — threat

PAKISTAN FROM **A1**

underwater.

Pakistan is the epicenter of a new global wave of disease and death linked to climate change, according to a Washington Post analysis of climate data, leading scientific studies, interviews with experts and reporting from some of the places bearing the brunt of Earth's heating. This examination of climate-fueled illnesses — tied to hotter temperatures, and swifter passage of pathogens and toxins — shows how countries across the globe are ill-prepared for the insidious, intensifying risks to almost every facet of human health.

To document one of the most widespread threats — extreme heat — The Post and CarbonPlan, a nonprofit that develops publicly available climate data, used new models and massive data sets to produce the most up-to-date predictions of how often people in nearly 15,500 cities would face such intense heat that they could quickly become ill — in the near-term and over the coming decades. The analysis is based on a measure called wet-bulb globe temperature (WBGT), which takes into account air temperature, humidity, radiation and wind speed, and is increasingly used by scientists to determine how heat stresses the human body.

Pakistan experiences some of the most intense heat on the planet. Cities such as Jacobabad and Hyderabad are projected to have several months each year when conditions are so extreme that even people in the shade face health risks.

Other regions projected to face increasingly severe heat waves include the Middle East, India and parts of Vietnam and China.

When taking into account the force of the sun, the health risks are even higher. Over 40 million people in Pakistan would endure dangerous heat for more than half of the year unless they can find shade.

In the United States, more dangerous heat will envelop large parts of the South and Southwest.

The Post analysis showed that by 2030, 500 million people around the world, particularly in places such as South Asia and the Middle East, would be exposed to such extreme heat for at least a month — even if they can get out of the sun. The largest population — 270 million — was in India, followed by nearly 190 million in Pakistan, 34 million across the Arabian Peninsula and more than 1 million apiece in Mexico and Sudan.

The results show how the risk has been growing and will escalate into the future. The number of people exposed to a month of highly dangerous heat, even in the shade, will be four times higher in 2030 than at the turn of the millennium.

By 2050, the number of people suffering from a month of inescapable heat could further grow to a staggering 1.3 billion. At this point, vast swaths of the Indian subcontinent will swelter under extreme humid heat, as will parts of Bangladesh and Vietnam. Only those who can find cooling will find respite.

> *"I had no idea what miseries this flood would bring for us."*
> **Muhammad Yaqoob**

To reach these estimates, The Post and CarbonPlan combined one of the most detailed sets of historic heat data with the latest climate projections produced by NASA supercomputers, offering one of the most detailed estimates of current and future heat stress at a local level ever produced. The projections assume countries make steady progress toward cutting planet-warming emissions, as they have committed to do.

The Post defined its dangerous heat threshold as more than 89.6 degrees Fahrenheit wet-bulb globe temperature, equal to a temperature of 120 degrees on a dry day, or mid-90s temperature on a very humid day. Spending more than 15 or so minutes beyond that limit, many researchers say, exacts a harsh toll on even a healthy adult; many deaths have occurred at much lower levels.

Extreme heat, which causes heatstroke and damages the heart and kidneys, is just one of the ways that climate change threatens to cause illness or kill.

So far this year, more than 235,000 Peruvians have come down with dengue fever and at least 399 died, according to Peru's national center for disease control, the most in that nation's history. Smoke from record-breaking Canadian wildfires billowed across the United States, triggering asthma attacks that forced hundreds to seek hospital care. And East Africa's worst drought in at least 40 years, which has spurred widespread risk of famine, is 100 times more likely to have happened because of human-caused warming, researchers say.

The number of heat-related deaths of people over 65 increased by 68 percent from 2017 and 2021 compared with between 2000 and 2004, according to a peer-reviewed report from the Lancet last year, while the months of favorable conditions for malaria in the Americas' highlands rose by 31 percent between 2012 and 2021 compared with 60 years earlier.

"We can say now that people are dying from climate change, and that's a different kind of statement than we would have made before," said Kristie L. Ebi, a professor in the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the University of Washington who co-authored the 2022 Lancet Countdown report. "Climate change is not a distant threat to health, it's a current threat to health."

Many of the most affected countries have contributed the least to the climate crisis, and are ill-prepared to manage the rapidly multiplying threats.

Last year in Pakistan, dangers piled one atop the other. First, the country suffered a record-breaking heat wave beginning in March. Fires rampaged through its forests. Record high temperatures melted glaciers faster than normal, triggering flash floods. And then heavy monsoon rains caused unprecedented floods, which left 1,700 dead, swept away 2 million homes and destroyed 13 percent of the country's health-care system.

"Pakistan's crisis was almost prophetic," said Sherry Rehman, Pakistan's outgoing climate minister, in a phone interview. "Look at this summer."

As the world shatters temperature records — this year is now likely to be the warmest in recorded history — she said, "countries like us, the hot spots, are going to feel the burn immediately."

Inside the ward

On a recent 109-degree day, babies wailed and adults vomited into buckets in the crowded heatstroke ward of Syed Abdullah Shah Institute of Medical Sciences, a 350-bed government medical center in central Sindh. With just seven beds for heatstroke victims, patients' parents and relatives crowded together on the mattresses. Nurses in green scrubs attached bags of intravenous hydration fluids to the arms of even the tiniest patients as fans whirled and two air conditioners dripped and chugged.

The number of heatstroke patients coming to the hospital in summer has increased around 20 percent a year in the last five years, according to M. Moinuddin Siddiqui, the hospital's medical director, at a time when Pakistan experienced three of its five hottest years on record.

The changing climate has affected people in painful ways, Siddiqui said, including high-grade fevers, vomiting, diarrhea and related diseases such as gastroenteritis. "I have been a doctor here for two decades and such climate changes I have not seen before. It's disheartening," he said.

The proliferation of climate ills has taxed this regional hospital center at the same time it has taken in patients from 12 nearby clinics and medical dispensaries swept away in the flood, he said.

The hospital has taken a variety of "special measures" to support the heat patients, including creating the small stroke unit, where patients are treated before either being admitted or sent home with electrolyte powder packets for rehydration. They also added air conditioners in every ward, but sometimes even those don't cool enough to make patients comfortable.

Despite such preparations, he said, last year's heat wave shocked the whole system. The air conditioning shut down under intense use and a huge crowd amassed inside the hospital, creating a "panic-like situation" for both the patients as well as health-care providers.

Farm laborers are routinely brought in unconscious with high fevers and may even end up on a ventilator, the doctor said. Outdoor workers are at increasing risk of heat-related illness, but their low-wage jobs are a lifeline. About half of Sindh's population lives in rural areas, according to a World Bank report, and 37 percent of that population lives below the poverty line.

Siddiqui finds it difficult to tell them to avoid working in the oppressive heat when they earn the equivalent of just a few dollars a day.

"If they take rest in the house they go hungry!" he said.

Around Sindh, women and child specialists and nurses say that they are seeing a rise in miscarriages, low birth weight babies and decreased production of breast milk — that they blame on the stress from the floods, along with rising summer temperatures.

"Miscarriages have been increasing because of the intense heat," said Zainab Hingoro, a local health-care worker. When she once would have 3 out of 10 pregnant patients miscarry, she now has 5 to 6 out of 10. The number of low-birth-weight babies is "drastically increasing," she added.

Sughra Bibi, 38, who was about to deliver her sixth child, said she suffered frequent kidney pain and gastrointestinal upset from drinking unsafe water.

"I am not well," she said, adding that her husband, a laborer, struggled to get enough food to sustain her pregnancy. The couple still lives in a temporary tent nearly a year after the floods, and she wept as she showed photos of her children, ages 9 and 6, who died in the floods' chaotic aftermath.

Insect-borne diseases are also on the rise. Siddiqui said his hospital saw a "very unusual" influx of malaria patients during February through June, a time not generally considered peak malaria season.

After the floods, Pakistan grappled with over 3 million suspected malaria cases, up from 2.6 million in 2021, according to the World Health Organization. The outbreak was spurred on by standing

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Yaqoob, below, a village elder in Bagh Yusuf, realized the massive floods in Sindh province were just the beginning of a health disaster.



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PAKISTAN FROM **A10**

water and other circumstances making it easier for mosquitoes to breed, reversing decades of progress of reducing cases.

Malaria kills more than 600,000 people a year around the world, and studies show that climate change is driving the once tropical disease to higher altitudes and new areas. A study last year by Pakistan's Global Climate-Change Impact Studies Center showed that dengue — another mosquito-borne illness — will begin appearing in far higher altitudes by the end of this decade.

Yaqoob, 62, the chief of Bagh Yusuf village, has made two trips to the hospital's malaria ward in the past year.

Yaqoob, a retired primary schoolteacher, moves around Bagh Yusuf's rocky lanes on crutches, after he lost a leg a decade ago when bandits shot him while trying to steal his scooter.

The village of concrete and thatched roof dwellings sits up on a dune, so people there can catch cooling breezes in the summer. On hot nights, they sleep outside on string cots, called charpoys, covered in the colorful quilts the region is known for. Still, the heat can be brutal. Villagers drink a combination of jaggery — sugar cane — and black pepper water they say wards off heatstroke.

When the floodwaters lapped at their doorsteps last fall, villagers kept them at bay and Yaqoob held out his crutch to help save several people from drowning.

But three months of living surrounded by contaminated water that smelled like the corpses of dead animals took its toll. First, one of his neighbors sparked a fever, then another. Getting sick in Bagh Yusuf was never easy, even before the flood. Villagers go to a small dispensary if they fall ill: A private doctor costs too much and a trip to the hospital is a last resort.

After 15 days, it was Yaqoob's turn.

He was overcome with a fever stronger than he had ever experienced and began bleeding from his nose. Relatives had to take him out by boat to the hospital.

Once there, he remained unconscious most of the time. "I hallucinated that the water had reached my house and I had to keep my family members safe. Another time, I thought my siblings were in bad condition and living in a roadside shelter," he said.

He recovered after about a week, but relapsed in July, spending two more days in the hospital before doctors said he was strong enough to go home.

'Hotter and hotter'

One June afternoon, a bread maker in Jacobabad, Pakistan — which has temperature highs in the summer months so extreme it's often called "the hottest place on Earth" — sat outside when it was 111 degrees, flipping rounds of dough into the air and toasting them over hot coals.

The air around his workspace outside a downtown restaurant is always several degrees hotter than the normal air temperature, Dil Murad said, which can often be overwhelming. He said he feels trapped in his job as the summer heat intensifies, and tries to keep as cool as he can by drinking large amounts of water every hour.

"It's difficult because this scorching heat has become unbearable," said Murad, 25. "I don't have any other source of income, and I have to feed my kids. It's the only craft I know."

During a devastating heat wave last year that lasted weeks and vented misery across Pakistan and India, the temperature in Jacobabad soared to a world high of 123.8 degrees on May 14. Human-caused climate change made this record-breaking heat wave at least 30 times more likely, according to modelers at the World Weather Attribution initiative. About 50 people died in Jacobabad alone, according to one estimate.

When temperatures soar life slows to a near halt in this city of 170,000, where the streets are crowded with men wearing loose white cotton clothes and women in headscarves who jostle for space with farmers driving donkey carts. Residents who can't afford air conditioning try to not move and stay indoors or search for a patch of shade. Sometimes their only respite is a slow-moving fan run by a single solar panel — which only works during the day.

Sweaty rickshaw drivers and construction workers crowd around volunteers passing out cooling herbal drinks made of the bluish-red falsa berries, and residents buy blocks of ice from the area's busy ice factories to keep themselves — and their food — cool.

In villages outside the city, farmworkers still venture into the rice, wheat and fodder fields, but try to rest during the hottest part of the day, from noon until about 3 p.m. Even then, some become dizzy and collapse. Cows and buffalo — their ribs visible — take refuge in ponds.

The number of days when Jacobabad's temperature surpassed 113 degrees rose from 12 between 2011 and 2015 to 32 between 2016 to 2020, according to an analysis by Aga Khan University.

FROM TOP: Patients share a bed in the heatstroke ward at the Syed Abdullah Shah Institute of Medical Sciences in central Sindh, Pakistan. Rayan, 6, is given intravenous treatment. Nursing orderly Manzur Ali Sial monitors a lethargic Ghulam Nabi.

"It has gotten hotter and hotter," said Muhammad Yousif Shaikh, the deputy commissioner for the Jacobabad District. "For some vulnerable communities, the weather has become simply unbearable."

Shaikh said the district is working to put in place long-term solutions to rising temperatures, such as shoring up the community's shaky water infrastructure and planting shade trees lost to unplanned development.

But residents have said that they have done little to help them during the hottest days. The district had no permanent heatstroke center until the height of the heat wave last May, when a local NGO, the Community Development Foundation, helped establish one in a local hospital. It has only eight beds.

"During last year's heat the government did not do anything for us, not even water, nothing," said Mukhtiar Bhatti, the head of Pir Bux Bhatti, a village about 11 miles north of Jacobabad.

Researchers who have formed a group dubbed the Climate Impact Lab found in a recent study that heat-related mortality will expand dramatically in the coming decades and in the world's poorest and hottest places, exacerbating inequality.

They projected that higher temperatures will lead to a staggering 150,000 added deaths per year in Pakistan by 2040 — unless the country can grow substantially more wealthy and better adapt to frequent bouts of extreme heat. The rising death rate, 50 per 100,000, is higher than that of nearly all other countries, barring some of the least developed parts of Africa and the Middle East. It is more than twice the number estimated for neighboring India, which has more financial resources to shield its population from the worst climate impacts.

"The way the rich countries are going to respond is by spending more to protect ourselves, and in many parts of the world those opportunities don't exist," said Michael Greenstone, a University of Chicago economist and the study's co-author.

In many cases, improving odds of survival means one thing — access to air conditioning. A study led by scientists at the University of California at Berkeley projects that less than 1 in 10 Pakistani households will have air conditioning in 2030, compared with 25 percent of Indian homes. In the United States, 92 percent of residents had air-conditioned homes as of 2021.

Jacobabad has always had high temperatures in the summer but climate change is fueling heat waves that arrive earlier and last longer than ever before, which may eventually make the area uninhabitable for even healthy humans, experts say. In Jacobabad, a wet-bulb globe temperature of at least 90 degrees will prevail for a third of the year by 2030, The Post analysis found.

Scientists say the higher the wet-bulb globe temperature climbs, the more difficult it becomes to keep cool and the heart and the kidneys can fail as they work overtime to maintain blood pressure and the flow of fluid in the body.

"As the temperature begins to rise, in order to lose enough heat, you have to sweat," said Zac Schlader, an associate professor at Indiana University at Bloomington who studies the physiological impact of extreme heat. "And that evaporation of that sweat is dependent on the amount of water vapor that's in the air."

If the air is too moist to absorb sweat, a person's internal body temperature will continue to rise. The heart pumps faster and blood vessels expand to move more blood closer to the skin, in order cool off. At the same time, the brain sends a signal to send less blood to the kidneys to stop losing liquid through urine, which deprives the kidneys of oxygen.

The wet-bulb globe temperature combines the regular air temperature ("dry-bulb"), the humidity-adjusted temperature ("wet-bulb") and the radiant heat from the sun and hot surfaces ("globe temperature") to capture heat stress.

While every human body is different, many experts and institutions cite just under 90 degrees as the wet bulb globe temperature beyond which the risks of heat illness become very severe. The U.S. Marine Corps cancels all physical training at 90 degrees. The National Weather Service says that in much of the United States, that threshold represents an "extreme threat" to health and it will stress the body after working in direct sunlight for just 15 minutes. A study in Taiwan found that on days reaching a wet-bulb globe temperature of at least 89.6 Fahrenheit (32 Celsius), heat-





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related emergency hospital visits increased by about 50 percent compared to other warm season days.

Even lower temperatures pose “a very real risk to human health,” Schlader said, especially for vulnerable people.

Temperatures had reached 122 degrees one day in Pir Bux Bhatti during last year’s heat wave when Fazeela Mumtaz Bhatti, 46, rose to prepare breakfast for her husband, Mumtaz Ali, 50, and their 11 children.

Bhatti — who was otherwise healthy — had made a bit of potato and charred bread, working in a poorly ventilated brick room on an open fire fueled by dung patties. Around 1 p.m., she began to complain she wasn’t feeling well, her daughter Naheed, 18, recalled.

Bhatti left the house to walk a few dozen yards and collapsed, face first, in the dust. In a panic, Naheed ran to help, cradling her mother’s head in her arms and trying to ply her with water combined with sugar and salt to help her rehydrate. Other women in the village rushed to assist, moving the woman back into the small house and onto a string cot, where they doused her body with water from a nearby pump and tried to keep her calm.

“She was fire to the touch,” Naheed recalled. “She just kept saying, ‘Don’t you worry about anything, I’ll be okay. Just make sure your father and siblings are fed.’”

But Bhatti’s condition worsened, and her husband raced to borrow a car to take her to the hospital in the city, some distance away. By the time they reached the hospital, she was already dead.

Naheed mourns the loss of her mother, who often spoke of finding Naheed a good man to marry, and used to tease her eldest daughter by saying, “You are only a guest here, you only have so much time to live in your father’s house.” In quieter moments, she would tell Naheed, “You have to find courage within yourself because life is difficult.”

Now, Naheed is left to manage the housework and care for the large family on her own.

“We just couldn’t keep her safe and alive,” she said quietly. “It’s difficult for me, but I have to take care of my brothers and sisters. I just try and cope with it.”

‘People have forgotten us’

In Bagh Yusuf, life has returned to some semblance of normalcy after the floods, but several aftershocks remain. All but about six of the families who had fled returned. The residents were able to clear the cemetery and have their annual religious festival, where they pray to their ancestors and celebrate with a mutton feast. The farmers who live in their village revved up their gaily decorated red tractors and begin planting again.

But hunger remains a problem.

Muhammad Ishaq, 42, lost his cotton crop during the flood, along with the $81 he’d invested in seed and insecticide. After the floods, the debt made farming impossible, so he began laboring as a stone crusher for about $3 a day. In April, he was able to sow his cotton crop, he said, but water is scarce.

“We hardly eat two times a day,” he said. They generally eat bread, okra or potatoes for breakfast, lentils for lunch and goat milk and bread for dinner. The younger of his five children often whimper and cry from hunger, he said.

His oldest son, Tariq, 17, has been working in construction which has allowed them to buy more food. But it also put him more at risk, because he’ll be laboring outdoors.

Pakistan — a fast-growing country of 241 million — had myriad challenges even before the floods, with a high percentage of poverty, low literacy rate, vanishing water supply, rising inflation and ongoing political turmoil after last year’s ouster of former prime minister Imran Khan, now jailed, with elections set for the coming months.

Officials in Pakistan say that the scale of the flood disaster was so epic — “biblical” in the words of Rehman — that it was beyond their ability to respond, with total damage to the economy estimated at $30 billion. They say they now need $13 billion in additional international support — on top of $16 billion already pledged — to prepare their country for future disasters.

Pakistan wants to use the additional money to expand its network of hospitals in rural areas, move residents out of flood plains and bolster its water supply. The government of Sindh is already working with the World Bank to replace lost mud brick dwellings with 350,000 homes that will have rainwater harvesting systems and latrines.

Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, a climate change specialist based in Islamabad, said the country needs to upgrade construction standards to withstand more extreme weather, shore up its reserves of emergency food and water for the next crisis and develop heat action plans for its cities and provinces. The only city with a significant plan to address a heat wave emergency is Karachi, with one he helped write after a deadly heat wave there killed more than 1,200 in 2015.

Muhammad Jaohar Khan, a health specialist with UNICEF in Islamabad, said that the floods — which submerged more than 2,000 health-care facilities — ratcheted up pressure on a system that was already burdened and failing to reach the poor in rural provinces like Sindh. Even before the floods, poor nutrition had stunted the growth of 40 percent of the children under 5 in Pakistan.

“These districts were already deprived, and had been hit several times by floods and droughts,” he said. “They went from the bad to worse category.”

Samuel S. Myers, a principal research scientist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, says that one of the biggest threats South Asia faces is malnutrition, as climate change harms crops. The global rate is rising again after years of declines, with more than 800 million people at risk for malnutrition in 2022.

Children are among the most vulnerable to rising temperatures, which affect pregnant women and disrupt food production.

At the Jacobabad Institute of Medical Sciences, Kamala Bakht, a doctor in the infant nutrition center, said that the number of low birth weight babies entering the feeding program had been steadily increasing since 2018 — from about 40 to 55 a month.

She says more intense heat — which exacerbates dehydration, putting mothers at risk for miscarriages — has played a role, as well as the floods, which had a “great impact” on her patients and their ability to properly nourish themselves and their newborns.

Inside one of the feeding rooms, a woman named Pathani cradled her tiny son, Allah Dino. She had worked for three of her earlier pregnancies, she said, harvesting rice in the heat, and had miscarried each time. With this latest pregnancy, she had stayed indoors, but then came down with typhoid and delivered the baby prematurely — at eight months. When she first arrived at the feeding center, Allah Dino weighed 2.4 pounds, she said. Ten days later, his weight was 2.6 pounds.

If Pathani’s son lives to be 27 years old, at that point Pakistan will experience more than two months of highly dangerous heat each year, even in the shade.

After years of resistance by richer nations, Pakistan and other developing nations also pushed through a breakthrough “loss and damage” fund at global climate talks last year, where richer countries like the United States — which have contributed the bulk of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions — will give money to poorer nations bearing the brunt of the impacts.

In the coming months, as countries gather for the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Dubai, delegates will push wealthy nations to spell out how the loss and damage fund will work.

But Rehman says that with so many countries now facing their own climate emergencies, they will be less likely to want to help.

“Already I hear ministers saying we need to spend money in our country now,” she said. “People have forgotten us.”

Shaiq Hussain in Islamabad and Yasin Junejo in Jacobabad contributed to this report.

How we are estimating wet-bulb globe temperature in 2030

The Washington Post and CarbonPlan calculated an approximate form of the wet-bulb globe temperature (WBGT) from future climate projections. This heat metric captures the human body’s response to dangerous combinations of temperature, humidity, the force of the sun and wind.

The analysis is based on climate projections belonging to the latest generation of climate models known as CMIP6. It is based on a “middle-of-the-road” scenario for climate policy in which countries make steady progress toward cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Numbers given for 2030 refer to the average across the 20-year period from 2020 to 2039.

The projections were further refined using a historical data set of extreme heat that captures temperature variations between urban areas and less built-up regions. The Post presents two sets of projections — one that assumes that a person is protected from the impact of the sun and the wind, and one that assumes that a person is exposed to those elements.

CarbonPlan’s work was led by Oriana Chegwidden with support from Jeremy Freeman. A further 11 climate scientists from around the world offered feedback and helped refine the analysis.





FROM TOP: Mumtaz Ali, with his daughter, Naheed. He lost his wife, Fazeela Mumtaz Bhatti — Naheed’s mother — to heatstroke. She was cooking in the kitchen below moments before she collapsed. Nur Ahmed, a car mechanic, soaks himself to cool down in the evening.


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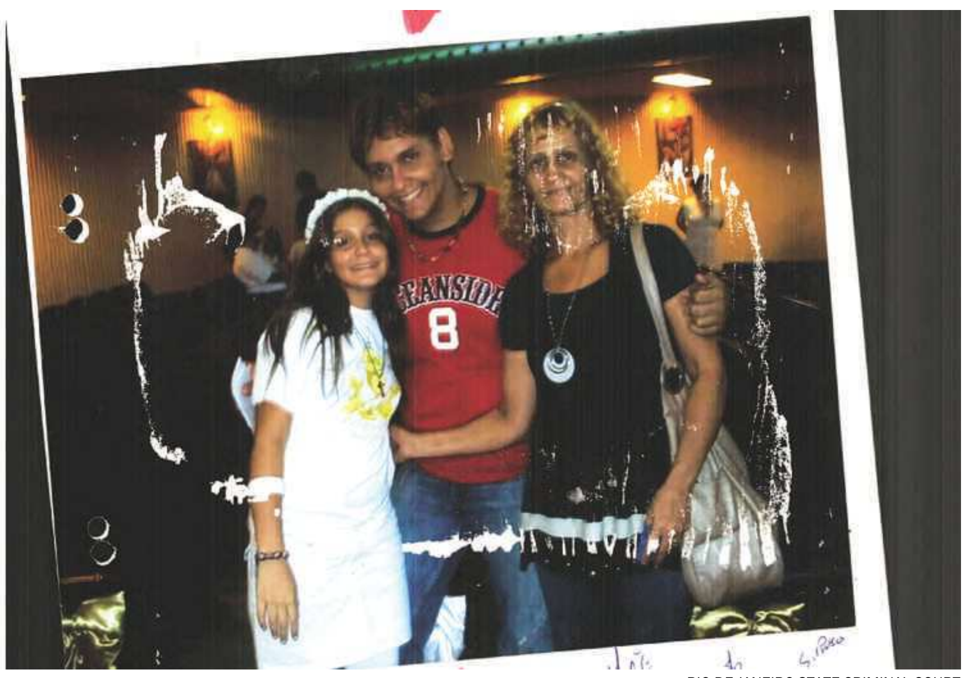


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In Santos's time in Brazil, hints of scandals to come



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Reporters follow Rep. George Santos (R-N.Y.) as he leaves a meeting on Capitol Hill on Jan. 25. Santos with mother Fátima Devolder and sister Tiffany Devolder. Santos as Kitara Ravache at a Pride parade in Niterói in August 2007.

SANTOS FROM **A1**

"She had light."

That August 2007 day was the zenith of George Santos's brief and long-hidden past as a drag performer in Brazil, when the future New York Republican congressman lived a life that was often jarringly at odds with what his politics would become.

In the United States, as an openly gay member of a party now targeting the type of show he once performed, Santos has backed hard-line policies that many in the LGBTQ community find discriminatory. He has supported a Florida law that bars educators from discussing sexual orientation in early elementary education. He has co-sponsored a bill that would separate the sexes based on "immutable biological differences." He has criticized same-sex parents, calling them the "flavor of the decade."

But in his mother's native Niterói, Santos actively participated in the budding gay rights movement, according to photos and people who knew him, and performed in drag more often than he has acknowledged. He attended the city's first Pride parades, handed out pamphlets at events, befriended some of the city's leading activists, and climbed nightclub stages to dance and lip-sync as his drag persona, Kitara Ravache, promising to one day compete in Miss Brasil Gay.

Santos declined to be interviewed for this report. In a response to written questions, he issued a blanket denial. "None of what you are asking is true and I would advise that you have your facts straight and proof of what you write," he said. He added, "My political opinion has always been consistent."

Santos, who previously denied performing in drag in Brazil, told The Washington Post that he did so only on that 2007 day, when he was 19, at the behest of family friend Manoel Antiqueira, one of the city's most renowned drag queens. (Antiqueira disputed Santos's account.)

Santos has rarely discussed his life in Brazil, where he spent significant time in his formative early-adult years. But a close examination of that past, including a review of court records and interviews with 25 Brazilian family members, former friends and acquaintances, helps bring into focus what amounts to the unpublished first chapter of the George Santos story.

Hints of the scandals to come — allegations of serial fabrication; a congressional ethics inquiry; U.S. federal charges of fraud, money laundering, theft and false statements — are sprinkled throughout his time in Brazil. Santos, who is due back in New York federal court this month, was known as an enigma, masked by multiple identities and apparently tall tales.

Many who remembered him said he was charming and funny, but they found it difficult to believe much of what he said. He often appeared to want others to think he was far richer, more successful, better-connected than he was, they said. "A mania of grandiosity," one relative said.

Others accused him of theft and fraud. In 2011, Rio prosecutors charged Santos with check fraud. After his election to the U.S. Congress in November tipped authorities here to his whereabouts, he confessed in court to the crime, punishable by up to five years in prison, to avoid prosecution.

Friends and family disagree over how long he lived here. Some say he spent much of his adolescence. Others believe it was only a few months at a time over several years. Further uncertainty surrounds how he passed his days in Brazil and if he ever held a job here.

But one element connected all the friends and family interviewed: surprise. Few could believe that the young man they knew as Anthony Devolder — an extrovert with a penchant for self-aggrandizement — had managed to talk his way into the highest echelons of American power.

"With the image that we have of the United States, I am stunned that he was able to run for office without anyone verifying anything," said Carlos Affonso Horta de Mendonça, a cousin in Niterói. "And people say it's Brazil that's a corrupt mess."

Becoming Kitara Ravache

Santos's family, like many here, is divided between the United States and Brazil. One-half lives in New York; the other, Niterói. After Santos's mother, Fátima Devolder, separated from his father, Gercino dos Santos, in the 1990s, she would bring her U.S.-born children, Tiffany and George, with her to Brazil for long stretches of time, family members and friends said.

They spent much of that time on a dead-end street off a busy avenue in the historic neighborhood of Santa Rosa, where relatives lived in a large compound of four houses behind a brown wooden gate. Life, friends and family said, was often a struggle. Fátima, who died in 2016 of cancer, worked low-paid odd jobs. She spent much of what she made on bingo halls and slot machines, according to friends and relatives. The family bounced from apartment to apartment and fell behind on rent.

Neighbor Allyson Silvério knew of the family's hardships. He'd seen their power get cut off, he said, after Santos's mother illegally siphoned electricity off the power grid. But Santos, he said, insisted that his family was well off. In his telling, his father — a house painter in New York, according to campaign contribution records — was a top executive in the United States. (Gercino dos Santos did not respond to requests for comment.)

Silvério, around 10 years older than Santos, believed few of the younger man's stories but found him charming and irreverent. For two young gay men in a socially conservative country, it was a time of hope. The LGBTQ movement was celebrating with massive Pride parades. New rights groups and associations were rising all over the country.

Silvério, a DJ and an early volunteer with the Niterói Diversity Group, said Santos often attended its gatherings. He also handed out pamphlets at other LGBTQ events. Then he began performing as Kitara Ravache. Video shows that he attended the city's first Pride parade in 2005 in drag. He also performed, Silvério said, at a beachside kiosk where the DJ played.

Santos denied that he and Silvério were close. He called Silvério's account "gibberish."

To improve his technique, Silvério said, Santos sought out one of the city's most famous drag queens. Manoel Antiqueira, whose stage name is Eula Rochard, would have Santos over to his house and see him dressed in drag at the gay club Vollúpya. He said Santos treated him well, but he found him untrustworthy. Santos claimed to have performed in clubs he hadn't, Antiqueira said, and feuded with others.

"He told everyone he was rich," he said. "He told me he was rich."

Santos, in turn, called Antiqueira untrustworthy. "He always stiffed me," Santos said.

In 2007, Antiqueira recalled, Santos returned from the United States with fine fabric and jewels to make a dress. Antiqueira was impressed. Many of the materials weren't available in Brazil. He put Santos in touch with the dressmaker Ariane Duarte.

Duarte said Santos regaled her with stories of success and wealth. He said his father was a rich businessman in the United States. He said he was close to an actress from the soap opera "Malhação." He seemed to care little for how much anything cost, she said, paying for lavish materials and Duarte's services without complaint.

Santos denied having met Duarte. But a photo reviewed by The Post showed them together, alongside Antiqueira.

Duarte said she made Santos two dresses and saw him perform in one at the club Espectro. The dress was beautiful, she said: white and iridescent. Duarte watched Kitara sashay before the audience and lip-sync a few numbers. When the performance was over, Duarte said, virtually no one clapped.

But Kitara didn't react, Duarte said. The performer just kept on smiling.

Bad checks and a new identity

Questions were growing in the gay community and among relatives over where Santos got his money. No one had seen him work.

One family member, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss personal matters, recalled his surprise when one day he saw Santos flush with cash and decked out in new, fancy clothing. "But I knew their financial situation was difficult," the relative said. "His mother had to live rent-free with my family. We didn't know where his money came from."

In June 2008, according to court filings in the check fraud case, a young man walked into The Salt, a boutique in Niterói. He called himself Délio. He picked out a pair of tennis shoes and other items totaling around $1,300 and paid for them with two checks.

After Délio left the store, vendor Bruno Simões, who granted an interview to The Post, began to suspect that something was amiss. Court records show he tried the three phone numbers written on the back of the checks, but none worked. He drove to the listed address, but no one there knew Délio. The lost money, the manager told him, was coming out of his paycheck.

Within a few days, to Simões's surprise, another young man came into the store, carrying the shoes he'd sold to Délio. He said they'd been a gift but were too tight. Simões looked up the man, Thiago Almeida Ramalho, on the social media site Orkut. And among his friends, records show, he found Délio.

But here, Délio went by a different name: Anthony Devolder.

"Living the happiest phase of my life," he wrote on his profile page, a screenshot in the court file shows. Santos described himself on the now-defunct site as "extravagant" and "mysterious." "I wear clothing by famous stylists," he said.

Simões corresponded with Santos over Orkut, according to a screenshot in the court file. "I will give you the money and I promise I won't delay," Santos wrote. "I know I screwed up."

But Santos never paid. Simões contacted the police in Niterói, who questioned everyone involved over the next years.

Santos's mother, according to her November 2010 witness statement, told police that she was a nurse to an elderly man, Délio da Câmara da Costa Alemão. Santos, according to his statement, told police on the same day that he'd "stolen" the man's checkbook from her purse. He said he passed "a few" checks, then ripped the book up and threw it into a sewer drain.

In June 2011, the investigating detective requested Santos's arrest.

But by then, he was back in the United States.



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Adriana Parizzi in Teresópolis, Brazil. She accuses Santos of exploiting her generosity. "I was easy prey," she said.

Allegations of theft and a vitriolic string of messages

Around the time the police were deepening their investigation, a friend of Santos's mother sat down to her bingo game and met the future congressman. Fátima Devolder had told Adriana Parizzi she would love Anthony, and, sure enough, she did. There was such lightness and levity to him, Parizzi said. It was infectious.

At the time, Parizzi, 56, was feeling unmoored and alone. Both her parents were gone. She was preparing a move to the mountain town of Teresópolis. Her home decor business was failing. But she was financially comfortable. Her parents had left her a sizable inheritance — a windfall she said she didn't try to hide at the bingo halls.

"I was easy prey," she said.

Parizzi said she became close with the Devolder family. Santos visited her often in Teresópolis, for a week at a time, then two. She said he spent much of 2010 at her apartment, where they shared a platonic friendship.

Late that year, around the time police say he confessed to check fraud, Parizzi said Santos told her there was nothing for them in Brazil. They should all go to the United States. She knew it was reckless, she said, but she acquiesced. She said she purchased tickets for her daughter Bruna, Santos and herself. After arriving in New York in February 2011, Parizzi said, she paid for furniture to decorate the apartment at Roosevelt Avenue and 67th Street.

"I was bankrolling the apartment and food from my inheritance," she said. "And money kept disappearing from my drawer." Santos told her he wasn't the one stealing from her.

Tiffany Devolder, Santos's younger sister, rejected Parizzi's account. "Adriana, someone whom we helped in every way possible and imaginable, is today out in the media telling lies and spreading hate," she wrote in an email to The Post. She didn't respond to requests to elaborate.

In the New York apartment, Bruna recalled moments of music, dancing and laughter. "He was like an uncle, or the father I never had," she said.

But over the ensuing years, Adriana Parizzi said, her relationship with him became strained. She said he once threatened to "break my face." She said he used her Brazilian tax information to buy jewelry on credit and never paid. She said he married a Brazilian woman in 2012 for $20,000 to enable her green card petition, an allegation before the Office of Congressional Ethics that three other former roommates corroborated to The Post in interviews. She said Santos offered to marry her to an American friend interested in doing business in Brazil, promising she'd be compensated with an apartment along Central Park.

"Not true," Santos said. Parizzi, he said, continues "to make up stories that are not true and unfounded." The congressman, a critic of illegal immigration, also denied fraudulently marrying a Brazilian woman. "This is not true," he said. His now-former wife, who records show lives in New Jersey, did not return requests for comment.

Parizzi said her friendship with Santos finally ruptured in the fall of 2014. She said she'd recently petitioned the United States for asylum, and while the case was pending, she and Bruna stayed with Santos and his then partner, Pedro Vilarva. The living situation was tense. Vilarva said he was beginning to doubt Santos. "Everything was fake stories," Vilarva told The Post.

One day, Parizzi and Vilarva accused Santos of stealing from them. "He pawned my phone," Vilarva said. Parizzi, who soon moved with her daughter into a homeless shelter, said her jewelry had been taken. In Facebook messages with Santos she shared with The Post, she pleaded for the jewelry's return. "They aren't your things," she wrote on Feb. 7, 2015. "Why is this so complicated?"

In coming weeks, the messages show, he answered her pleas with insults and accused her of sabotaging his relationship with Vilarva.

"An ingrate filled with evil," he called her.

"A fat dump no one wants," he called her.

"Crawl back into the hole you came from, snake," he told her.

Parizzi, who did not report the alleged theft to police, returned to Brazil with her daughter in November 2015, penniless. She moved into a favela in Teresópolis and now subsists on public benefits. She never spoke again with Santos, whom she blames in part for her financial losses. Many others in Santos's Brazilian life said they, too, had lost touch with him.

Silvério, his neighborhood friend, was one of the few who said he maintained intermittent contact with Santos. When the future congressman returned to Brazil, Silvério said, the two would talk over beers about old times. "He said he worked in Manhattan," Silvério said. "He always had some amazing job."

In November, Silvério saw a news article about Santos's congressional campaign and felt proud. "I'm wishing success to my friend in his endeavor!" he said on Facebook. Shortly afterward, when news of Santos's alleged fabrications broke, he was stunned, he said. But not surprised.

"I thought, 'That's just Anthony being Anthony.'"

In a way, Silvério felt as if he never knew Santos. But in another way, he believed he knew exactly who Santos was.

Isaac Stanley-Becker in Washington contributed to this report.

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Mexico is on the path to electing its first female president

In a country where women couldn't vote until 1953, gender parity in governmental positions has taken great strides

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN AND DAVID AGREN

MEXICO CITY — Half of Mexico's Congress is female. The cabinet is gender-balanced. And now, women have won the primaries of the two leading political blocs — making it likely that this traditionally macho nation will elect its first female president, ahead of the United States.

Claudia Sheinbaum, 61, who until recently served as Mexico City's mayor, defeated five men to secure the nomination of the governing party, Morena, its officials announced Wednesday. If the leftist candidate triumphs in the election next June, she also will set another precedent, as Mexico's first Jewish head of state.

Her victory came days after an opposition coalition, the Broad Front for Mexico, nominated Xóchitl Gálvez, 60, a business executive and senator of Indigenous origin.

"This is a feminist's dream," said Maricruz Ocampo, a women's rights activist in the central city of Querétaro. The 2024 race, she said, "is going to signify a turn in the way that we see women in politics."

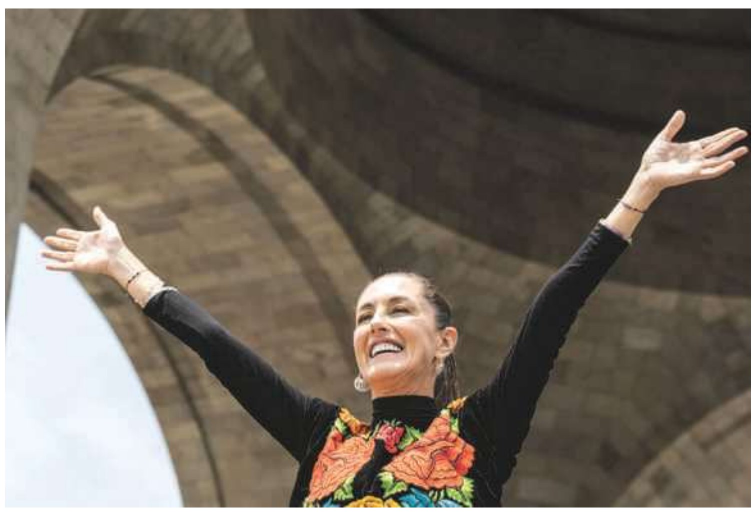
The matchup underscores how dramatically women have moved into political leadership in the past few years. A woman is chief justice of Mexico's Supreme Court. Women lead both houses of Congress. Women have made up 50 percent of the legislature since 2021, when Mexico became the largest nation to achieve gender parity.

It's not quite Barbie Land — but the progress is remarkable in a country where women couldn't even vote until 1953.

And Mexico's female politicians are shattering glass ceilings at a faster pace than their colleagues across the border. The United States has yet to elect a female president. Women hold 28 percent of seats in Congress — a U.S. record, but a dismal showing compared to much of the world.

How dismal?

Mexico ranks fourth in the world in female participation in national legislatures, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.





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Claudia Sheinbaum, the candidate for the governing Morena party, left, and Xóchitl Gálvez, the presidential candidate for Mexico's opposition coalition,have both emphasized their gender during their campaigns to garner their parties' nominations.

The United States ranks 71st.

Mexico's rapid progress on gender equality is rooted in its transition from an authoritarian state to a multiparty democracy. After decades of domination by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, politicians rewrote laws in the 1990s to make elections more fair — and women's rights activists seized the moment.

They insisted "democracy is not just about elections, but the kind of equality we deliver to our citizens," said Jennifer Piscopo, a professor of gender and politics at the University of London who has studied Mexican politics. The women's activists persuaded lawmakers to introduce gender quotas for Congress.

Those quotas were gradually expanded, and in 2019, Mexico passed a constitutional amendment setting a goal of gender parity "in everything" — in all races for elected office, and in appointments to senior jobs in the judicial and executive branches of government.

As more women took office, political scientist Federico Estévez said, "we started getting used to the idea" of them being in charge.

Sheinbaum leads in the presidential race, according to polls. The daughter of left-wing academics, she grew up in the capital and earned a PhD in environmental engineering. She is seen as a protégé of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who named her as Mexico City's environment secretary when he served as mayor from 2000 to 2005. Sheinbaum won the mayor's race in 2018; she stepped down in June to make her presidential run.

Gálvez has shaken up the race with an up-from-her-bootstraps personal story. As a girl, she sold tamales and Jello cups to help her struggling family in the central state of Hidalgo. She went to college, studied computer science and was running her own firm when conservative President Vicente Fox tapped her in 2003 to be his commissioner for Indigenous affairs. She later became a borough president in Mexico City, and then a senator.

Mexico's No. 3 political force, Citizens' Movement, has yet to choose its candidate. Two smaller parties — the Green Party and Workers' Party — are expected to ally with Morena.

Sheinbaum and Gálvez are benefiting in part from Mexicans' frustration with politics as usual, said Patricia Mercado, a senator who ran for president herself with a small party in 2006.

"Citizens who face a lot of problems in their daily lives need new actors," she said. "Among those new actors are women."



GINNETTE RIQUELME/AP

Sheinbaum supporters in Mexico City await her arrival at a rally to close her campaign for the Morena nomination on Aug. 26.

Both candidates have emphasized their gender as they campaign.

Sheinbaum has adopted the hashtag #EsTiempodeMujeres — roughly, "Now is the time for women."

Gálvez has used her life story to illustrate the discrimination and violence women face. She has described defying an abusive father to continue her studies. At 17, she says, she used a soldering iron to fight off a rapist.

When López Obrador recently called Gálvez a puppet of powerful men, she accused him of sexism — and persuaded an electoral court to order him to stop. Asked in an interview about combating Mexico's heavily armed crime groups, she was blunt.

"You need ovaries," she said on the news show "Entre Todos." "Not just balls."

A few women have competed in past presidential elections, but they lost badly. What is different now is that Morena and the Broad Front alliance, which includes parties from the left and right, hold significant leads over smaller parties, making it highly likely Mexico's next president will be a woman.

Still, that might not put an end to the traditional male dominance of politics.

"We have female candidates, but the parties, resources and agendas continue to be controlled by men," said Bárbara González, a political analyst in the northern city of Monterrey.

López Obrador has sought to swing his sizable following and political machine behind Sheinbaum in the primary, González said, because the ex-mayor doesn't have a strong political base herself and is more likely than other candidates to maintain his programs. (López Obrador is barred by law from running for a second term).

"He chose her because she's dependent on him," González said. Meanwhile, she noted, the three parties in the opposition alliance are led by men.

Many activists say the increasing prominence of female politicians hasn't led to a notable improvement in women's day-to-day lives.

There are some obvious changes: Female lawmakers pushed for a law in 2022 that mandated social security for domestic workers. Abortion has been decriminalized in 12 of the 32 states, in part because there are more women in local legislatures and governors' offices, said Rebeca Ramos, director of the Information Group on Reproductive Choice. The Supreme Court on Wednesday decriminalized the procedure in all federal health facilities.

Still, protesters regularly take to the streets to protest high levels of violence against women.

López Obrador has named nine women to his 18-member cabinet, a record. But he has clashed with women's organizations demanding action on issues such as abortion and gender-based killings, alleging that they are manipulated by his political opponents. Sheinbaum, too, has had chilly relations with feminists protesting violence against women.

Piscopo said people should be realistic about their expectations for the rising female political leaders.

"They're not magical unicorns; they don't have magic wands," she said. "They're not going to fix centuries of discrimination against women overnight."

Gabriela Martínez contributed to this report.



Romania finds suspected Russian drone fragments

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS AND AMAR NADHIR

Suspected fragments of a Russian drone have been found on the territory of Romania, officials from the NATO country said on Wednesday, following days of denials that one may have fallen within its borders during Moscow's bombardment of neighboring Ukraine.

If confirmed that the parts belong to a Russian drone, it would represent "a serious violation of the sovereignty and territory of Romania, a NATO ally," Romanian President Klaus Iohannis said. An investigation into exactly when the debris landed is underway, he said.

There was no insinuation from Romanian officials that the fragments were from an intentional strike that might lead to a response from NATO. But this and other incidents of war debris falling into countries bordering Ukraine highlight the continued risk of escalation.

Officials at NATO headquarters in Brussels expressed solidarity with Romania.

"Since last year, in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, NATO has significantly increased its presence in the Black Sea region," spokesperson Dylan White said Wednesday. "We continue to monitor the situation closely, and we remain in close contact with our Ally Romania."

In recent weeks, Russia has stepped up its attacks on Ukrainian ports and grain silos on the banks of the River Danube, which runs along the Romanian-Ukrainian border before flowing into the Black Sea. Iohannis on Wednesday branded the strikes on infrastructure a "war crime."

The proximity of the strikes to Romania has caused jitters for NATO, for which an attack on one member can be considered an attack on all through its mutual defense clause.



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Romanian President Klaus Iohannis shakes hands with Deputy Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko of Ukraine as she arrives at the presidential headquarters in Bucharest on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, European leaders were meeting in Bucharest for a previously scheduled summit to boost ties in the face of Russia's aggression on the continent.

The discovery of drone fragments came after Romania's Defense Ministry on Monday "categorically denied" statements from Ukrainian officials that a drone had fallen on its territory.

Despite the denials, investigators had been scouring border areas for debris for "a few days," said Defense Ministry spokesman Constantin Spanu.

Wednesday's announcement wasn't necessarily a reversal, officials said, as strikes had continued, and it was unclear when the fragments had landed.

The debris was found in the vicinity of the village of Plauru, according to the Defense Ministry. The village lies on the banks of the Danube opposite the Ukrainian town of Izmail, which has been targeted by Russia several times in recent days, according to local officials. Additional measures will be taken to strengthen the monitoring and security capabilities of Romania's airspace at its borders, the ministry said.

Earlier this year, the remnants of a missile believed by investigators to have been fired by Russia was found in a Polish forest more than 300 miles from Ukraine. Polish officials said it was likely to have been there for several months before being discovered.

In a more high-stakes incident in November, two agricultural workers were killed a few miles inside Poland by an errant missile. The missile was fired by an S-300 surface-to-air missile system, used by both Russia and Ukraine, and Poland refrained from any action under NATO's framework after concluding that there was no evidence it had been fired by Russia.

Spanu said Wednesday it was too early to comment on any procedural steps that Romania might take under NATO's Article 4, under which member states can bring forward an issue of security concern for discussion among members, or Article 5 which can be invoked in the case of an armed attack.

Emily Rauhala in Brussels contributed to this report.

Unease as India's ruling nationalist party pushes 'Bharat' as country's name

BY SAMMY WESTFALL

As New Delhi gears up to host the Group of 20 leaders this week, the government's pointed word choice on the summit dinner invitations stirred controversy and conversation Tuesday about what the country is, and should be, called.

On the invitations, the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a deliberate choice in naming the banquet's host nation: The "pleasure of the [leaders'] company" was requested not by the "President of India," but the "President of Bharat."

The same day, Sambit Patra, spokesperson for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), shared an image of an official card referencing the visit of "the Prime Minister of Bharat Shri Narendra Modi" to Indonesia for the "20th ASEAN-India Summit" on Sept. 7.

Both used the ancient term "Bharat," a Sanskrit and Hindi word long interchangeable with India. In its first article, the constitution of India declares "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States."

The term has taken on fraught political valence in recent years as the preferred nomenclature of Modi's ruling Hindu nationalist BJP. While some nationalists argue that it is already an accepted alternative to "India," which bears some colonial baggage, Modi's critics have noted that the BJP uses "Bharat" to evoke the sense of an exclusively Hindu past in a country that's home to more Muslims than any other nation in the Middle East.

The invitations were met by strong reaction both from within and outside the right-wing party.

"Another blow to the slavery mentality," Uttarakhand Chief Minister and BJP member Pushkar Singh Dhami wrote on the social media platform X, referring to the party's idea that the name "India" is tied to colonialism and slavery.

Prominent BJP politician Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote on X: "REPUBLIC OF BHARAT — happy and proud that our civilisation is marching ahead boldly towards AMRIT KAAL," using a term meaning "auspicious period" that Modi evokes to describe the nation's resurgence under his rule.

The move aligns with a larger revisionist impulse of the Indian right. The BJP has pushed to erase some names that originated from colonial rule — and increasingly, those that have been associated with Muslim heritage. Officials changed the name of the northern Indian city Allahabad, named by Muslim Mughal rulers centuries ago, to the Sanskrit word Prayagraj, which officials argued was the original name.

The move, some opposition politicians suggest, is a dig at a coalition of more than two dozen opposition parties that gathered two months ago under the name INDIA — which stands for Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance — to challenge Modi and his party in next spring's national elections.

"I don't know why they are making this change," Communist Party of India leader Sitaram Yechury said to the Press Trust of India. "We just don't know why they hate 'India' so much."

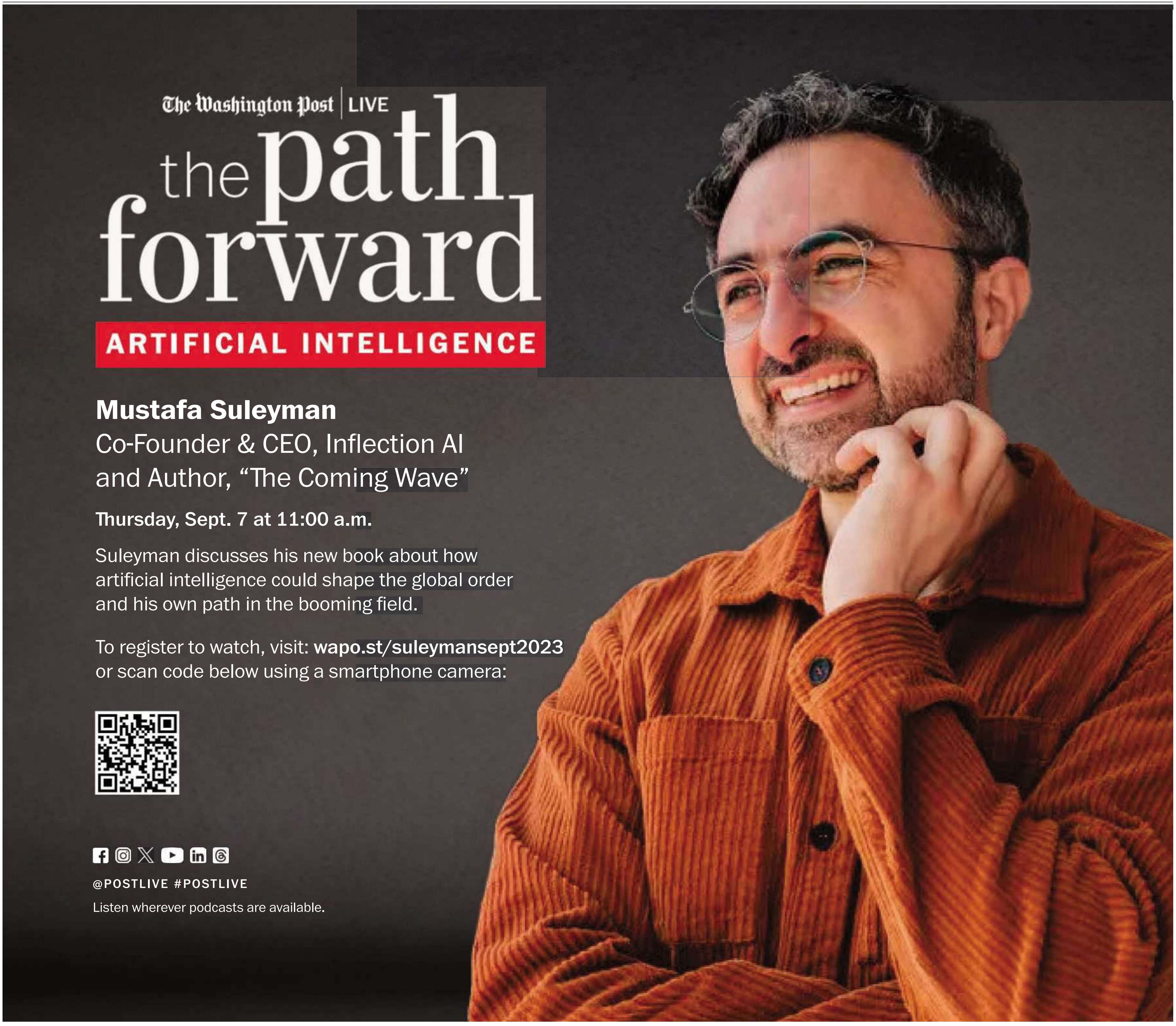
Some local outlets have reported speculation that the BJP may propose to change the name officially through a Parliament resolution.

Changing the formal names of cities and countries has a long, politically fraught history.

Some countries have sought to shed names given by colonial rulers, sometimes upon gaining independence, and in other cases later in their history. In 2018, absolute monarch King Mswati III changed the name of his country from Swaziland to Eswatini, a name derived from the local language.

Under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey requested last year that the United Nations and other international organizations call it "Türkiye," its official Turkish-language name. This change adds a syllable to the end of the English pronunciation.

Washington continued to refer to Myanmar as Burma decades after the ruling junta officially changed the country's name in 1989 — a year after brutally suppressing pro-democracy demonstrations. During a 2012 visit to the country, President Barack Obama used both names, as well as other workarounds, including "this spectacular country."



Court halts landmark expulsion case against E.U. border agency

BY EMILY RAUHALA AND MUSTAFA SALIM

BRUSSELS — A European Union court on Wednesday dismissed a first-of-its-kind case brought by a family alleging unlawful deportation by the E.U.'s Frontex, with the court saying the border agency is not empowered to weigh in on "return decisions."

The judgment is a blow to asylum seekers, their lawyers and activists who hoped it would set a precedent. The court's ruling, they said, raises questions about Frontex's mandate and who, if anyone, can hold the agency to account.

The decision came amid growing concern about rights abuses at Europe's borders and an increasingly hostile climate for migrants and asylum seekers around the world.

This was the first action for damages against Frontex to be brought before the General Court of the European Union, which is part of the Court of Justice of the European Union. If it had been successful, it would have been the first case that found the agency responsible for human rights violations, said Mariana Gkliati, an assistant professor of migration and asylum law at the Netherlands' Tilburg University.

The family — a Syrian father, mother and their four young children — arrived in Greece in the fall of 2016, during Europe's migration surge. They filed for asylum and received confirmation that the claim was registered.

Less than two weeks later, they were taken to a police station, then bundled onto a plane without explanation, according to their lawyer.

"We thought we were going to Athens," the father said this week in a telephone interview. He spoke on the condition of anonymity, citing concerns about their privacy.

On the plane, the family was flanked by guards and separated. They did not understand what was happening, the father said.

It was not until they landed that they realized they had been deported to Turkey. "I was surprised to see the Turkish flag from the window," the father recalled.

"Immediately they handed us to Turkish police, who put us in a car and took us to a camp," the father said. "It was so cold, and the camp was in a bad condition. My son was sick. [We] couldn't stay there."

The family decided to flee to Iraq, he said.

Lisa-Marie Komp, who represented the family on behalf of Prakken d'Oliveira Human Rights Lawyers, argued that Frontex is obliged to monitor compliance with human rights laws during missions with member states.

"You can't just deport people to another country. Before someone can be deported, it must be assessed whether he or she needs asylum protection, and that has not happened here," she said. "With this case, we want to make it clear that no one, including Frontex, is above the law."

But the court held that Frontex is not responsible for screening people being forcibly removed from the E.U. "It is the Member States alone that are competent to assess the merits of return decisions and to examine applications for international protection," the court's press release said.

Frontex welcomed the decision. "Today's verdict affirms that while we assist EU countries with returns, Frontex does not have the power to assess the merits of return decisions," the agency said in an emailed statement.

"Nevertheless," the statement continued, "valuable insights gained from this case enable us to continuously improve our return procedures, ensuring that all individuals affected are treated with utmost respect."

Though asylum seekers, rights groups, lawyers and journalists have long documented unlawful deportations from Europe, it has been difficult to hold E.U. institutions accountable in court.

In some cases, families have been pushed out of the E.U. before having a chance to register their asylum claims, making it difficult to prove they were unlawfully deported.

In the case of the Syrian family, they received and retained proof that their asylum claim was registered in Greece, according to their lawyer. Their legal team was also able to confirm that they were taken from Greece on a joint Frontex-Greek flight.

The team behind the case said the decision highlighted the need for oversight of Frontex activities.

"Frontex has great power over the lives of individuals, as the case of the Syrian family shows," read a statement from Prakken d'Oliveira, the Dutch Council for Refugees and other groups backing the case.

"In a Union based on the rule of law, power must be accompanied by accountability," the statement continued. "It is now up to political institutions, especially the European Commission, to clarify Frontex's mandate."

Salim reported from Baghdad.



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Frontex Standing Corps are lined up during the official launch of the Frontex Joint Operation in North Macedonia at police barracks in Skopje on April 20.

Asian hornet sightings in Britain stir buzz of worry

BY ANDREW JEONG

A significant increase in Asian hornet sightings in Britain is raising alarm that the insects could ravage local bee populations.

This year, British officials have reported at least 22 confirmed sightings of *Vespa velutina*, mostly in southern England. That was up from two last year and two in 2021.

This "is very concerning," said John Stoskopf Ascher, an assistant professor at the National University of Singapore's biological sciences department. "If this many hornets and their nests are being detected, then there must be a lot more of them."

It "will be difficult at best to track them all down," Ascher said. "These findings suggest that [the hornet] is on a path to becoming well established."

The hornets, native to southern Asia, have colonized East Asia and parts of Europe including France, where they were found in 2004.

Asian hornets feed on bees, interrupting pollination of plants and crops. They are different from Asian giant hornets, *Vespa mandarinia*, which caused a stir when they were reported in the United States in 2020.

Bees native to Britain may have a harder time than bees in Asia in fending off the hornets, Ascher said in an email, because the Asian honeybee, *Apis cerana*, "has defenses that U.K. honey bees (all *Apis mellifera*) lack," and because of the regions' different climates.

The recent increase in sightings in Britain has stirred nervousness among local beekeepers. "An establishment of the Asian Hornet in the UK will adversely impact on the viability of our beekeeping and honey industry," the British Beekeepers Association says on its website. Of immediate concern, it said, "is that the Asian hornet preys opportunistically on a range of wild insects, and damage to pollinator communities and pollination services could be extensive."

The Asian hornet, accidentally introduced into France in 2004 or before, has killed up to 80 percent of honeybee colonies, and an average of 30 percent, in areas where the species has become established, according to French researchers.

From France, Asian hornets have invaded neighboring countries, including Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland, French researchers reported in a 2022 study.

The "national cost" of Asian hornets could reach up to 30.8 million euros, or over $33 million, because of bee colony loss, the researchers said. That amount is about 26.6 percent of honey revenue.

The researchers warned that the financial cost of Asian hornets to the environment — through the loss of the bees' vital pollination services — would be "orders of magnitude higher."

Honeybees — along with butterflies, birds and bats — serve as pollinators of crops central to human consumption, such as apples, bananas, blueberries, strawberries, melon, peaches, potatoes, vanilla, almonds, coffee and chocolate. About 35 percent of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators to reproduce, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Honeybees and other pollinators were already in decline because of a combination of habitat destruction, widespread use of pesticides and climate change.

The British Beekeepers Association this week will host special briefings on the Asian hornets for local beekeepers. "This year Asian Hornet week takes on a new urgency," the association said last month as it announced the briefings.

"It is vital that we stop them coming in," Anne Rowberry, the association's president, said in a video.



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A team of activists chases vicious stalker site, hoping to shut it down

Kiwi Farms, known for anti-trans attacks, hops from server to server in effort to stay online

BY NITASHA TIKU



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Liz Fong-Jones, left, and Katherine Lorelei have spent the past year tracking down and persuading companies to drop Kiwi Farms — a notorious stalker site that has organized harassment campaigns.

When he heard that Kiwi Farms had been knocked offline, "Clay," a member of the anonymous online forum, was flooded with relief. "I thought to myself, 'This hell on Earth has finally been vanquished.'"

Founded in 2013, Kiwi Farms has been used to organize vicious harassment and stalking campaigns against targets including Clara Sorrenti, a transgender activist known as Keffals, and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (Ga.), a far-right Republican. It went down a year ago, after Cloudflare, a major tech security firm, stopped providing services, saying contributors to the forum were posting the home addresses of those seen as enemies and calling for them to be shot.

But in the week that followed, Kiwi Farms scrambled to stay alive, jumping from Russian servers to a Ukrainian hosting service to VanwaTech, a Vancouver, Wash.-based hosting and security company infamous for providing refuge to 8chan, a message board notorious for white-supremacist content. As it became increasingly clear that Kiwi Farms would not go down without a fight, Clay — who spoke on the condition that he be identified by a pseudonym to avoid retribution — joined forces with Liz Fong-Jones, one of Kiwi Farms's fiercest adversaries, and launched a dogged campaign to keep the site offline.

Over the past year, their little group of internet sleuths, trans engineers and activists has methodically chased Kiwi Farms across servers and networks around the globe, successively persuading more than two dozen companies to drop the site. Despite this laborious undertaking — described exclusively to The Washington Post — the site has endured, showing up for months at a time, sometimes as a "mirror" of itself on an entirely different URL or as a foreign domain in countries such as Poland.

The group's Sisyphean battle illustrates the lack of mechanisms for reporting online abuse, much less for banishing harmful content. It also raises serious doubts about society's ability to block any site from the global web — even one that explicitly incites violence.

"Either people think Kiwi Farms is dead forever … or they think it's up and therefore it's going to remain up forever," said Fong-Jones, a transgender site-reliability engineer who had been targeted by the forum. "Neither of those two narratives are true."

Founded by Joshua Moon, a former 8chan administrator, Kiwi Farms evolved into a popular platform for creating harassment campaigns. Its users often fixated on transgender people, relentlessly stalking and doxing them. At least three of its victims died by suicide.

In response to a request for comment, Moon wrote by email, "Do you still print that rag on paper? If so, please send a physical copy of your smear piece to the PO box listed on the website so I can frame it. Thanks."

The campaign against Kiwi Farms began in earnest last summer. Sorrenti, a Twitch streamer who became famous as a news star for trans youths, had been under attack for months by Kiwi Farms users, who she said doxed her address and "swatted" her home, filing a false crime report that drove police to her door. In August 2022, she fled her native Canada for Europe and launched a social media campaign to pressure internet providers to stop protecting the forum, using the hashtag #DropKiwiFarms.

From her home in Vancouver, Fong-Jones heard about the harassment against Sorrenti and immediately recognized the tactics.

Fong-Jones also had been targeted by Kiwi Farms beginning in 2017, when she donated to a transgender nonprofit. Users published her home address, the names of her biological parents and a redacted copy of her birth certificate in a thread that included racist and transphobic slurs. Members smeared her online in an attempt to ruin her Google search results, then sent her employers the false information.

Though the harassment had died down, Fong-Jones still felt compelled to contribute to the #DropKiwiFarms campaign. She made videos for her YouTube channel explaining Cloudflare's complicity in keeping the site online.

Those videos soon reached Katherine Lorelei, a transgender IT worker in Norman, Okla. Lorelei had never heard of Kiwi Farms and was distraught by what she learned from Fong-Jones's presentations.

Lorelei had been taking gender transition hormones for less than a year and had no connections to activist circles. Beyond wrangling server space, she had never worked on systems that spanned the entire internet. But she volunteered to help, starting as Fong-Jones's assistant, before stepping up to co-lead the team.

"I had no idea I had these skills, to be honest," Lorelei said.

The group began spending dozens of hours each week navigating the byzantine web of network infrastructure, trying to ferret out connections between no-name intermediaries to track down Kiwi Farms's new home. Then they would send carefully worded emails to those companies' employees — even cold-messaging on LinkedIn — to persuade them to stop working with the website.

The group operated in cells in case they were doxed but kept track of every internet provider they persuaded to cut ties with Kiwi Farms.

Moon had a few major advantages. After earlier attempts to take down the site, he incorporated as his own internet service provider, acquiring his own hardware, network resources and a block of IP addresses, making Kiwi Farms much more difficult to dislodge. It marks the site as a "peer" on the internet, meaning Moon directly receives any abuse reports and is entitled to a presumption of good faith.

When the team alerted FiberHub, a data center in Las Vegas, to the bad actor using its facilities, the center said it merely provided the electricity and power cord and had no bearing on the servers that kept the site online. Those belonged to Moon's hosting company, originally incorporated under the name Final Solutions, a Nazi reference. FiberHub did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The group slowly discovered a network of what they called "s--- hosts" — low-end internet providers who work with disreputable sites that spread malware or offensive content, arguing that they have a right to free speech.

But the group had an asset of its own.

Clay had been a member of Kiwi Farms in his teens. He was bored, seeking community, pressured by his friends and going through a libertarian phase, he said. But after the suicide of one of the site's targets, he began to push back on the forum's creed that its victims weren't human. He withdrew from the site after he saw Kiwi Farms members turn their talents for doxing and harassment on other members.

His goal in joining Fong-Jones and Lorelei's group was to help the forum's users, he told The Post. He pointed to Frederick Brennan, the creator of 8chan who called for that site to be taken offline after it played a role in mass killings in Christchurch, New Zealand, and in El Paso. Brennan, he said, "wanted to free [the] user base of that site from being radicalized, from going down a darker path. And that's what I'm sort of doing here."

Having Clay onboard was a game changer. One of the challenges in persuading companies that Kiwi Farms was a bad actor was the site's opaque language. Outsiders might overlook terms such as "TTD," which in Kiwi Farms's vernacular means "total tr--ny death," using a slur to refer to transgender people.

Clay could translate that language. He also could show how Kiwi Farms users migrated to Discord servers, where they were more explicit about planning attacks. He led activists to the threads most rife with racism and calls for violence. And he confirmed the trolls' habit of using the phrase "in Minecraft" to pretend an illegal activity, such as revealing the Social Security numbers of their targets, was just something they did in the online game.

"He was the Kiwi Farms whisperer," Fong-Jones said.

Clay, in turn, was getting an education of his own. Fong-Jones helped him get up to speed on the "backbone" of the internet — massive networks responsible for publishing or passing along content known as Tier 1 ISPs — as well as the smaller downstream companies that depend on them for global reach.

Specialists schooled him in navigating the labyrinthine telecommunications industry. They explained Border Gateway Protocol, the automated routing system that picks the best path for traffic. And they explained how to leverage Tier 1 ISPs' acceptable-use policies, the contracts that typically prohibit clients from using networks for theft, hacking, harassment and other unwanted or illegal activity.



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Clara Sorrenti, a transgender activist also known as Keffals, said she was doxed by Kiwi Farms and fled last summer to Europe.

In October, the group made a breakthrough.

After rotating among web hosts, Moon had settled on Zayo, a company based in Boulder, Colo. Fong-Jones contacted someone at Zayo, a former colleague who was alarmed to learn his company was working with Kiwi Farms and escalated the matter to senior leadership.

Kiwi Farms's services were soon terminated. In a statement, Zayo said it concluded that the forum had violated its acceptable-use policy, "which allows for termination of service."

For Fong-Jones, it was a wake-up call. There are fewer than 20 Tier 1 ISPs in the world, and they get a ton of complaints: Spam. Malware. Harmful content. By and large, they try to stay out of such disputes, preferring to assume they are doing business with reputable companies. But the Zayo experience showed that — if Fong-Jones could reach the right people — top-tier providers were willing to prioritize enforcing their acceptable-use policies.

Threats loomed over the group. After her YouTube videos about Cloudflare, Kiwi Farms users posted Fong-Jones's home address, Social Security number and driver's license. Once Zayo dropped the site, she began receiving death threats by phone.

Still, a year after the Cloudflare decision, asking providers to drop Kiwi Farms generates controversy. Last week, the Electronic Frontier Foundation published an opinion piece arguing that Tier 1 ISPs should not bow to pressure to drop Kiwi Farms, calling the move "a dangerous step" toward censorship.

"If the site in question were Reddit, or Planned Parenthood, or even EFF, the internet would be up in arms," wrote the foundation, a nonprofit digital rights group based in San Francisco.

Alejandra Caraballo, a clinical instructor at Harvard Law School's Cyberlaw Clinic, called that argument misplaced. "Fundamentally, EFF fails to acknowledge how power dynamics and asymmetrical threats can act as its own form of censorship," Caraballo wrote on X, the site formerly known as Twitter.

Cloudflare CEO Matthew Prince has confessed to mixed feelings. While the company has withdrawn security services for the Daily Stormer and 8chan — both linked to real-world violence, including mass killings and a deadly riot — Prince argues that revoking services based on reprehensible content sets a dangerous precedent.

"Deciding what isn't allowed is the job of governments and regulators, not ISPs and network providers," he said via the messaging app Signal. Still, he added, "I don't miss having to worry about [Kiwi Farms] and their often vile content."

Amid that debate, Kiwi Farms remains online. Without Cloudflare or Zayo or any of the two dozen other companies that have dropped the forum since the group started in September, Fong-Jones says it is down to a limited number of lifelines.

Lorelei, who is now committed full-time to trans activism, wants to move on to other causes. Fong-Jones is moving on as well. Clay and another one of the younger members of the group plan on carrying the torch.

Reflecting on the past year, Fong-Jones said it's unreasonable to expect victims of harassment to have to do this work.

It's true Kiwi Farms keeps finding more providers, she said. But "it's a finite list. And this is why we know we're going to win."

Joseph Menn contributed to this report.

DIGEST

TECHNOLOGY

E.U. targets 6 firms with 'gatekeeper' rules

The European Union is targeting Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, Google parent Alphabet, Facebook owner Meta and TikTok parent ByteDance under new digital rules aimed at reining in the market power of online companies.

The six companies were classified Wednesday as online "gatekeepers" that must face the highest level of scrutiny under the 27-nation bloc's Digital Markets Act.

The act amounts to a list of do's and don'ts that seeks to prevent tech giants from cornering digital markets, with the threat of whopping fines or even forcing Big Tech companies to sell off parts of their business to operate in Europe.

It's part of a sweeping update to the E.U.'s digital rule book that's starting to take force this year, and comes weeks after the Digital Services Act, a companion package of rules aimed at keeping internet users safe, started kicking in.

The European Commission said digital platforms can be listed as gatekeepers if they act as key gateways between businesses and consumers by providing "core platform services."

Those services include Google's Chrome browser, Microsoft's Windows operating systems, chat apps like Meta's WhatsApp, social networks like TikTok, and others playing a middleman role like Amazon's Marketplace and Apple's App Store. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. Interim chief executive Patty Stonesifer sits on Amazon's board.)

The companies now have six months to start complying with the Digital Markets Act's requirements.

Google said the new law will require it and other companies "to make various changes to the way their products and services work."

— Associated Press

REAL ESTATE

WeWork will try to renegotiate leases

WeWork said it will attempt to renegotiate nearly all of its leases and may exit some properties just weeks after the workspace-sharing company sounded the alarm over its ability to remain in business.

In a Wednesday letter, WeWork interim chief executive David Tolley said the New York City company must reduce its operating costs — notably its current lease liabilities, which "remain too high and are dramatically out of step with current market conditions."

Commercial office space is under significant pressure with so many Americans spending at least part of the week working from home, and the company may be able to negotiate.

WeWork's lease liabilities accounted for more than two-thirds of its operating expenses for the second quarter of this year, Tolley said. As of June 30, WeWork had a total of 777 locations in 39 countries.

"We will seek to negotiate terms with our landlords that allow WeWork to maintain our unmatched quality of service and global network, in a financially sustainable manner," Tolley wrote — adding that the company expects to exit "unfit and underperforming locations" as part of these negotiations.

Last month, WeWork warned there was "substantial doubt" about the New York-based company's "ability to continue as a going concern."

— Associated Press

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Sam Bankman-Fried on Wednesday lost his bid to be freed immediately from a Brooklyn jail so he could prepare better for his criminal trial, less than a month away, over the collapse of his FTX cryptocurrency exchange. In rejecting Bankman-Fried's request, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in Manhattan nonetheless said it would ask the next available three-judge panel to consider it. A spokesman for Bankman-Fried declined to comment. U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan on Aug. 11 revoked Bankman-Fried's $250 million bail after finding that the former billionaire likely tampered with witnesses at least twice.

Jared Kushner's Affinity Partners is acquiring a $150 million minority stake in an Israeli car company, marking the first investment in Israel for the Miami-based private equity firm that is backed by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. Affinity will buy a 15 percent stake in the closely held S. Shlomo Holdings' car and credit division, it said in a filing on Wednesday. The investment comes as the Biden administration seeks to broker a deal that would see Saudi Arabia establish diplomatic ties with Israel. Kushner is the son-in-law of former president Donald Trump and served as a senior White House adviser.

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Arctic protections follow approval for contentious project

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part of his sweeping climate agenda.

In a statement, Biden said the state is full of "breathtaking natural wonders" that need protection.

"As the climate crisis warms the Arctic more than twice as fast as the rest of the world, we have a responsibility to protect this treasured region for all ages," Biden said.

While the moves would do nothing to stop the Willow development — a top target of climate activists — it would ensure long-term protections for areas that provide vital wildlife habitat, said Chris Wood, president of the conservation group Trout Unlimited. He estimated that the federal government hasn't set aside so many acres of land for conservation since the early 2000s.

"Conservation is a very long game and takes decades," Wood said. "It's rare to have these big-stroke opportunities. So it's terrific and heartening to see the administration demonstrate they have a bit of a bold streak when it comes to protecting our lands and waters."

The measures, however, did not get universal support from environmentalists. Biden has had difficulty satisfying climate activists, especially anti-oil activists upset by his administration's direct approval of Willow.

Friends of the Earth late Wednesday called the new announcements "a half-measure." "Small measures like the ones the Department of Interior put forward won't erase President Biden's incredibly disappointing climate record with respect to oil and gas leasing," Raena Garcia, the group's senior public lands and fossil fuels campaigner, said in a statement. "If the Administration is truly committed to protecting our people and the planet, they will halt climate-destroying projects like Willow altogether."

Drilling in Alaska has complicated Biden's attempt to enact aggressive measures to fight climate change. Oil advocates and industry analysts have said some areas of the NPR-A are among the richest oil reserves available in the country, and Alaskan lawmakers have pushed development as a major source of jobs and revenue. But Biden had come to office promising "no more drilling on federal lands, period. Period, period, period."



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Caribou and geese at Teshekpuk Lake in North Slope Borough, Alaska, in May 2019. In addition to proposing an oil-drilling ban across giant swaths of Alaska's North Slope, the Biden administration is seeking to cancel leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge issued under President Donald Trump.

Alaska Oil and Gas Association President Kara Moriarty said in an email that the new Biden policies will make the United States more reliant on foreign oil, which could produce more planet-warming emissions than oil extracted in Alaska.

"The constant barrage of government regulation changes and whipsaws tells investors that Alaska is not a place to do business," she said. That "makes no sense because Alaska has high environmental standards and some of the lowest emissions in the country."

In March, Biden had approved Willow under intense political pressure, saying he was compelled to because the company had legal leases for the area that predated his presidency.

But he announced that decision along with a plan to give "maximum protection," a status authorized by Congress, for another 13 million acres in the reserve. Wednesday's move makes that plan an official proposal, including requirements for environmental mitigation for 2.4 million acres where oil leasing can still happen, and the ban on oil and gas leasing for the rest of it.

The proposal would also require reviews and public consultation every five years on whether to expand or designate new special areas for conservation in the reserve. Interior's Bureau of Land Management will also be hosting public meetings about the proposal and taking public comment for 60 days before creating a final rule.

"We know that some of these places are irreplaceable treasures," Haaland said in remarks to reporters. "Climate change is the crisis of our lifetime. … We must do everything within our control to care for and protect this fragile ecosystem."

On the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Haaland said the lease sale under Trump was flawed, "based on a number of fundamental, legal deficiencies." The Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service have drafted a new analysis under Biden supporting that conclusion, administration officials said.

They found that Trump officials failed to meet requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze alternatives or to quantify greenhouse gas emissions from the development, administration officials said. That led Haaland to cancel the leases, administration officials said.

The leaseholder, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, Alaska's publicly owned development corporation, said the decision is unlawful. They said they would fight in court to keep the leases in place.

"This latest action by the Department of the Interior shows arbitrary disregard for Federal law, based on campaign trail rhetoric," the organization said in a statement. "Campaign promises are not enough to justify this agency action."

Many influential Alaska lawmakers, including Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R), fought for decades to open up part of the region's coastal plain for drilling, and inserted requirements to lease oil rights in the area as part of a 2017 tax law overhaul. Local officials who support drilling have called Biden's attempts to undo the leases federal overreach.

"These decisions are illegal, reckless, defy all common sense, and are the latest signs of an incoherent energy policy from President Biden," Murkowski said in a statement Wednesday.

At the same time, oil companies in recent years have also shown waning interest in the refuge and are more interested in the NPR-A. Regenerate Alaska, a division of an Australian firm, was the only oil company to directly acquire a tract on the refuge's nearly 1.6 million-acre coastal plain, and it voluntarily canceled its lease in 2022, after Chevron and Hilcorp, two other major oil companies, had also jettisoned their claims.

The NPR-A, roughly the size of Indiana, was officially designated for oil and gas development by the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act in 1976. The law created special rules for oil and gas extraction and set aside some areas for "maximum protection" of the environment.

Today, the area remains a sizable reserve for domestic supplies of oil but has become increasingly prized as an Arctic wildland, offering key habitat for polar bears, migrating caribou and waterfowl.

Climate activists and many environmentalists were dismayed March 13, when the Biden administration approved the Willow project.

ConocoPhillips has held leases to develop oil as part of the Willow project since the late 1990s. After roughly five years of permitting and legal fights, the Biden administration approved the project to have as many as three drilling sites with up to 199 total wells. It shrank the project from the five pads ConocoPhillips had originally proposed following recommendations from a government review to keep development out of a yellow-billed loon nesting site and caribou migration paths.

Workers at Phoenix airport file heat-related safety complaint

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW

Inside the sweltering airplane, Linda Ressler was sweating through her uniform.

It mid-July, and Phoenix was enduring a record-breaking run of extreme heat. Ressler cleans airplanes on the overnight shift at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Over three nights, she recalled, her health deteriorated and she suffered headaches, nausea, disorientation and fatigue as she wiped down bathrooms and folded seat belts while temperatures approached 100 degrees, even at night.

Her supervisor told her she could leave in an ambulance, Ressler said, but she worried about the cost. After taking herself to the hospital and recovering at home, her employer, Prospect International Airport Services Corp., reprimanded her for missing work, she said.

"The heat is bad," she said. "And the company, they shrug their shoulders."

Ressler is one of 11 Prospect employees who made complaints against the company to the Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) about problems related to working in extreme heat without sufficient support. The complaints were outlined in a letter last month to the Arizona agency that was obtained by The Washington Post. Some of the employees discussed their concerns at an event at Sky Harbor Airport on Wednesday.

"As a result of working in extreme heat, workers have experienced heat exhaustion with symptoms such as dizziness, lightheadedness, swaying/loss of coordination, irritability, dehydration, and fainting," the letter read. "Workers who have experienced pronounced episodes of heat illness have not received adequate medical attention on-site, and the employer has not facilitated treatment for all employee injuries at a medical facility in near proximity."

Extreme temperatures have become more common across the country — and the world — but there are no national regulations to protect workers from heat, and only a handful of states have made such rules.

The Phoenix airport employer is an affiliated company of Chicago-based Prospect Airport Services, which has more than 10,000 employees and works at airports in 25 cities across the country, according to its website. At Sky Harbor Airport, their employees handle baggage, push wheelchairs for passengers, and clean airplanes for Delta, United, American and other airlines.

In a statement, the company said it is "committed to the safety of all its employees" and trains them on the importance of staying hydrated during extreme weather. Employees at Sky Harbor Airport have access to several refrigerated water coolers in an air-conditioned break room, the company said, and a five-gallon container of Gatorade is also made before the morning and night shifts.

"Employees have access to the break room, the coolers, and drinking cups throughout the day and popsicles are also available to employees in the break room freezer. The popsicle supply is replenished nightly," the statement read.

The company said its employees are allowed to stop and get water at any time during their shifts and that airline partners prohibit employees from working in an enclosed aircraft cabin if temperatures exceed 90 degrees.

"We recognize the work our employees do daily is difficult enough even in ideal weather," the company statement read. "We truly appreciate their efforts and encourage them to engage with their supervisors and managers so that we can explore any other ways in which we can continue to support them during this challenging time."

When asked about Ressler's allegations, Prospect said it does not comment on employee matters but "does not discipline employees for time off taken in accordance with applicable law."

American did not respond to a request for comment. United referred questions to Prospect.



MATT YORK/AP

Water is delivered to crew on the tarmac at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in July. In the safety complaint, workers cited inadequate access to water and medical care during a heat wave.

ADOSH opened an inquiry into Prospect's operations at Sky Harbor on July 24, following an anonymous tip. The agency, part of the Industrial Commission of Arizona, conducted an inspection of Prospect's facilities and the case is still open, said Trevor Laky, an industrial commission spokesman.

The Aug. 24 letter to ADOSH head Jessie Atencio from the 11 Prospect employees complained about lack of access to potable water and failure to provide adequate medical care. The employees asked for ADOSH to conduct another on-site inspection of both daytime and nighttime shifts.

The Phoenix Aviation Department, which owns and operates Sky Harbor Airport, declined to comment about the complaints against Prospect.

Department spokesperson Tamra Ingersoll said in an earlier statement about the July heat wave that "the well-being of our employees and those of our tenants is the utmost importance to us year-round, but especially during the summer with the increased temperatures."

Ingersoll said that during periods of extreme heat, the airport takes additional measures to protect employees, including asking them to take frequent breaks, encouraging them to stay hydrated and postponing noncritical outdoor work.

But several employees at Sky Harbor — those involved in the complaints against Prospect, as well as others — described punishing working conditions during a summer when there was a stretch of 31 straight days of the temperature exceeding 110 degrees. It was the hottest month ever observed for a U.S. city.

One airline flight attendant said a two-hour delay on the Sky Harbor tarmac this summer during temperatures above 110 degrees made the plane feel like a "rotisserie oven." He said he watched his sweating colleague put her face in a refrigerated beverage cart to cool off. A ramp agent said vehicles and equipment used to move around aircraft and load luggage get so hot they can burn employees.

"Working in the heat is absolutely miserable," one Delta Air Lines aircraft loading agent at Sky Harbor Airport said in early August, speaking on the condition of anonymity to avoid retaliation from the company. "We had somebody throw up last week. We had somebody pass out."

The employee, a supervisor, said he drinks five to six gallons of water during his 12-hour shift in an attempt to stay hydrated. On one day in late July, he said, he was outside continuously for six hours and had to stop working because "I couldn't take it anymore."

"I had to say something, and they didn't like what I had to say but I had to stop," the employee said. "I wasn't going to put my team in what I felt, literally at that point, danger."

Delta said in a statement that its employees can call a "safety time out" when they deem situations unsafe, and that provides its airport employees in Phoenix with insulated water bottles, cooling fans, misters, air-conditioned break rooms and cold water, among other support. The company is not aware of anyone fainting during the time frame described by the employee. One person vomited, the company said, an employee who was "returning from an illness" and declined Delta's offer for emergency medical care or the chance to go home.

Prospect employees say they regularly endure uncomfortably hot temperatures while pushing passengers who need wheelchairs outside or in jet bridges that lack air conditioning. The company's break room has a water dispenser but often runs out of cups, they say, and workers resort to getting water handouts from Shake Shack or Starbucks.

Some of the passenger service agents say they walk 10 to 15 miles in the course of a workday as they push wheelchair passengers throughout the airport.

"Most people are nonstop running, gate after gate after gate," said Zachary Bodine, a 27-year-old baggage handler who also pushes passengers in wheelchairs at the airport.

Bodine, who has worked for Prospect for two years, said he has felt sick and nauseated from the work this summer, including a day in July pushing wheelchairs.

"My whole shirt was soaking wet because that's how much I was sweating," said Bodine, who complained to ADOSH. "Very weakened and fatigued, I almost started vomiting."

Earlier this year, Prospect implemented a new policy that discourages employees from sitting down while on the job, employees said.

Cecilia Ortiz, 42, a passenger service agent with Prospect, said she has been going into the bathroom to rest because she knows her manager won't find her there.

"They literally want us on our feet all the time," said Ortiz, who also filed a complaint. "It's just kind of crazy we have to sneak away to the restroom just to sit down a little bit."

Prospect said in a statement that employees who provide wheelchair service may take their breaks or lunch anywhere in the airport with open seating to the public but "employees who are actively working are not allowed to sit in gate areas or charging stations."

The majority of the aviation industry in the United States is unionized, including professions such as pilots, flight attendants and mechanics. But other airport jobs, such as the Prospect workers at Sky Harbor Airport, are not unionized.

The Service Employees International Union has been organizing with these workers. The union's president, Mary Kay Henry, said in an interview in July that she is "deeply concerned about the health risks" faced by airport workers across the country as temperatures rise.

Henry said unions are pushing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to create new standards relating to heat that employers would need to comply with, including rules on access to water, breaks and air-conditioned indoor spaces.

"If I have a headache or I feel like I [might] faint, I have the right to stop work and get attention — even that we have to fight for," Henry said. "When you speak to the workers, it's outrageous what employers are getting away with."

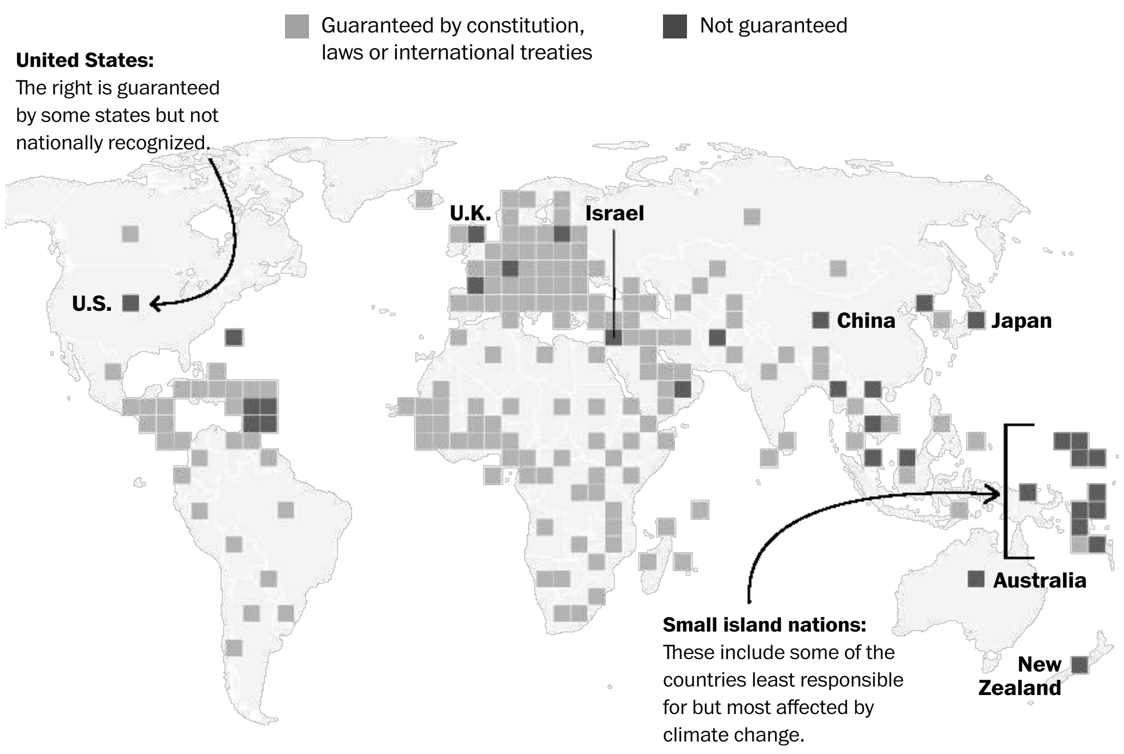
THURSDAY OPINION

BINA VENKATARAMAN AND AMANDA SHENDRUK

A new tool in the fight to save the planet? A 6th-century Roman doctrine.

160 countries recognize the right to a healthy environment

Each square is one of the 193 United Nations member countries.



Countries not labeled on the map that do not recognize the right include Afghanistan, Andorra, Bahamas, Barbados, Brunei, Cambodia, Dominica, Grenada, Kiribati, Laos, Lithuania, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nauru, North Korea, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, San Marino, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Sources: David Boyd, the U.N. envoy on human rights and the environment; U.N. Human Rights Council

A decade ago, the idea of young people suing their governments for failing to act on climate change seemed naive. How would they prove in court that planetary warming was harming them or would harm them in the future? Even if they did, could they show that forcing one state to curb greenhouse gas pollution would spare them harm from global climate change?

And there was another, more fundamental question: Does government approval of fossil fuel projects abridge young people's constitutional rights — whether to life, liberty and happiness or to a healthy environment? Especially in the United States, the notion that teenagers might ever win such cases seemed a pipe dream.

A Montana court decision has suddenly made it a reality.

The unprecedented ruling for Montana youths ages 5 to 22 — including a rancher's daughter, a fly fisherman, hunters and a Salish woman whose tribal land is threatened by wildfire — must survive an appeal to the state Supreme Court. But already it gives weight to an aspiration of young people worldwide to use the courts to force governments to address climate change.

The ruling would do away with a provision in the Montana Environmental Policy Act that forbids state agencies from considering the climate when greenlighting new fossil fuel projects such as coal mines. The ruling is based on the rights of residents alive today, and of those yet to be born, to a clean and healthy environment.

If judges elsewhere adopt the Montana judge's reasoning, citizens could force lawmakers to finally enact better climate policy. And if this becomes a significant trend, future generations might exert greater power over political decisions of all kinds.

This might be a long shot. But many democracies do, in theory, guarantee their citizens the right to clean air, water, farmland, forests and other natural resources. The idea of getting judges to enforce this guarantee in more places is not unreasonable. Governments would merely be held to promises they've already made. The Montana ruling, for instance, rests on an explicit promise in the state's constitution.

> *The state and each person shall maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment in Montana for present and future generations.*
>
> CONSTITUTION OF MONTANA

This right is widely acknowledged around the world. Similar language occurs in the national constitutions and policies of 160 countries. In some instances, it is guaranteed in international treaties the governments have signed.

Many states have enshrined similar rights. The constitutions of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Hawaii and New York contain their own versions of Montana's language. Florida's constitution guarantees the right to "clean and healthy waters." Virginia's, like many others, requires that natural resources be preserved for its citizens. And movements are afoot in several other states to establish similar guarantees.

And beyond such explicit constitutional provisions, the ideas upheld in the Montana ruling echo across geographies and time. The idea that present and future generations have a right to a healthy and safe environment dates to 6th-century Rome. The public trust doctrine, articulated by Emperor Justinian I, implies that governments must act as trustees of vital natural resources, protecting them on behalf of future generations.

> *By the law of nature these things are common to all mankind, the air, running water, the sea and consequently the shores of the sea.*
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> INSTITUTES OF JUSTINIAN
> ~ A.D. 530

Variants of this doctrine appear in the Magna Carta, in U.S. case law and in other legal decisions worldwide. Citizens and judges can and should use it as the basis for lawsuits to compel their governments to aggressively cut fossil fuel emissions or prevent new polluting projects, says Mary Christina Wood, a legal scholar at the University of Oregon and the author of "Nature's Trust: Environmental Law for a New Ecological Age."

This is not to say lawsuits are the best way to make policy. In an ideal world, elected officials would act with sufficient speed and ambition to cut emissions and prevent climate disasters. But in many democracies, notably the United States, public support for climate protection is far more advanced than political action. This is primarily because the fossil fuel industry has lobbied aggressively and employed disinformation and campaign financing strategies to keep climate policies from passing. Courts, while hardly free from partisan interests, are not as vulnerable to industry influence.

By recognizing the rights of future generations, courts might even spur better policy on a range of long-term issues, not just climate but also education, genetic engineering, nuclear waste and artificial intelligence.

Recent court decisions in the Netherlands, Pakistan and Colombia have also asserted the rights of young people and future generations to a safe planet. And the concept will soon be tested again in the United States. In a case set for trial next year, young climate activists in Hawaii are pushing to make their state's transportation investments more climate-friendly. And a 2015 case against the U.S. federal government, also brought by young activists, was in June approved for trial.

This summer, it has become easier to imagine a future of deadly heat waves, devastating wildfires, warming seas and destructive storms. Climate tipping points are fast approaching, and the race is on to prevent irreversible damage.

It's also worth imagining a time when people might finally persuade their governments to curb greenhouse gas emissions to protect people from floods and fires, as well as provide them safe air to breathe and water to drink. This future has just become a little more possible.

CHARLES LANE

Will presidential legitimacy be up for grabs in 2024?

If anyone — Democrat or Republican — hoped the four indictments against former president Donald Trump would weaken him politically, they have so far hoped in vain. Rather than making him more beatable in the Republican primaries, or inducing him to quit, Trump's "legal issues," as they are known in media shorthand, have had a negligible — or slightly positive — impact on his political fortunes.

Fourteen months from November 2024, political reality is: Trump is headed to the GOP nomination and has a fair chance of defeating President Biden or any other Democrat.

Obviously, a lot can happen in the next 14 months; Trump could still lose to one of his current GOP rivals or a late entrant. A health crisis — God forbid — could force Biden from the race. A criminal conviction could finally break Trump's hold on the GOP electorate: Forty-five percent of Republicans won't vote for him if he's found guilty; 52 percent if he goes to prison, according to a recent Reuters-Ipsos poll.

If present trends continue, however, the country will see a repeat of the 2020 contest. And that means the United States, upon whose political stability such matters as the security of Europe and Asia and the world's reserve currency ultimately depend, could be facing a crisis of presidential legitimacy — regardless of who wins or how cleanly.

A basis is being laid for people on either side to question or reject an outcome they don't like. For Trump and, apparently, tens of millions of his followers, there is no such thing as a free and fair election that he loses. Indicting him, however necessary and appropriate, provides a narrative about "election interference" and "jailing political opponents" that Trump is already exploiting. The indictments have not deterred him from lying about the result in 2020 and will not deter him from creating new lies about 2024.

To be sure, Trump could win fair and square. Charged with covering up hush money to an adult-film actress, mishandling classified documents and conspiring to thwart the will of the people in the 2020 presidential election, impeached twice for actions during his presidency and found civilly liable for a pre-2017 sexual assault, Trump today is regarded favorably by 39.8 percent of the public, according to the FiveThirtyEight polling average. That's *up* 0.8 percentage points from Feb. 1, 2021. Biden's personal favorability is at 41.2 percent.

Forty-six percent of registered voters would choose Trump for president, putting him in a tie with Biden, per the most recent Wall Street Journal poll. Trump won an electoral college victory in 2016 with 46.2 percent of the popular vote and narrowly lost one with 46.9 percent in 2020. The pro-Republican areas of the U.S. political map contain 235 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win.

For all those who do not vote for Trump next year, the narrative of illegitimacy regarding a victory for him could be more reality-based but — in objective political terms — also potentially disruptive.

Trump's probable path to actual victory is via a slender electoral vote majority, with less than a majority of the popular vote, quite possibly aided by a third-party drain on Biden's votes. Trump might indeed arrive at his swearing-in on Jan. 20, 2025, having been convicted, still facing trial in other cases — or both. And he would owe his political survival to religious fundamentalists and right-wing nationalists, who would staff key positions in his government.

The world has recently gotten a taste of what can happen when a right-wing leader stages a comeback, based on a narrow mandate and beholden to extreme elements of his coalition, while still on trial for alleged corruption: Benjamin Netanyahu's return as Israel's prime minister last year. The secular and liberal half of Israeli society staged mass protests of what it saw as threateningly radical policy changes by a government that did not deserve to rule. Something similar could await Trump.

De-escalation is nowhere in sight. The Republican-led House is exploring impeachment of Biden, on hyperbolic corruption charges. The final phase could be a futile but — for the president — distracting and embarrassing election-year trial in the Democratic-led Senate.

Democrats are starting to embrace a novel legal theory that Trump, because of his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack, should be kicked off the ballot under the 14th Amendment's bar on office-holding by insurrectionists. Trump's disqualification would enrage his supporters, with unpredictable consequences; if it does not happen, and Trump wins, then the 14th Amendment would add yet another argument for opponents to resist his presidency.

To repeat: This is an assessment of political reality, not moral equivalency. The entire U.S. body politic would be much healthier and resilient if Trump had simply accepted defeat in 2020 rather than shred long-standing democratic norms, possibly beyond repair.

There is still time for U.S. democracy to avoid a worst-case scenario, even if it's not exactly clear how. Surely the first step, though, is to recognize what might lie ahead.

LEANA S. WEN

Psychedelics should not follow marijuana's legalization path

Hallucinogenic drugs known as psychedelics have generated great enthusiasm within the scientific community for their potential to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, severe depression and other mental health diagnoses. In no way, however, does that justify their recreational use.

Early studies into the therapeutic benefits of psychedelics have been so promising that the Food and Drug Administration has designated two such drugs, psilocybin and MDMA, as "breakthrough therapies," a coveted label indicating their possible superiority over other treatments. These drugs are on track to being FDA-approved as soon as next year.

But at the same time, voters and state lawmakers have rapidly been expanding access to the drugs for recreational purposes. This is a mistake.

Advocates pushing for widespread psychedelic access point to how mind-altering substances have been used throughout human history. Indeed, psilocybin is found in many species of mushrooms, which are often referred to as "magic mushrooms." MDMA, also known as ecstasy or "Molly," has long been associated with raves and music festivals.

People taking these substances can experience visual and auditory hallucinations and develop a distorted sense of reality. In clinical trials, mental health professionals combine psychedelic use with talk therapy to unearth past traumatic encounters. It's believed psychedelics alter brain connections to expand awareness and break cycles of depressive thoughts.

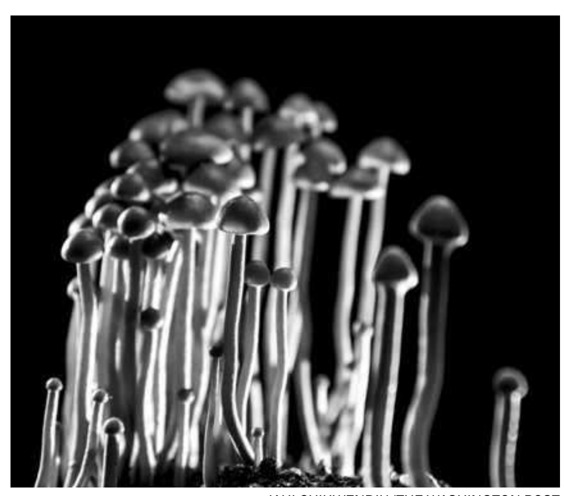
But those properties also pose substantial risks. People high on drugs can accidentally harm themselves or others. While some "trips" induce euphoria, they can provoke negative emotions, too, making some people paranoid and even suicidal.

There is also the possibility of long-term consequences. A case study in the American Journal of Psychiatry described a 32-year-old woman, a senior associate at an accounting firm, who ingested magic mushrooms with friends. For weeks, she had paranoid delusions, mania and psychosis. She became so depressed, she could not take care of herself. It took months of intensive psychiatric treatment for her to complete basic errands.

Joshua Siegel, a psychiatrist at Washington University, has seen this firsthand. He told me he recently cared for a patient who experimented with psilocybin and had to be hospitalized because of persistent thoughts of ending her life. While such negative experiences are uncommon, if psychedelics are used at a scale like that of marijuana, many more people will need treatment for these terrifying side effects.

Siegel, who studies psychedelics' medical uses, is quick to clarify that they appear safe in controlled clinical studies. Subjects in these trials typically receive one or at most three doses spaced months apart. They are carefully screened to make sure they don't have a history of psychosis and closely monitored for six to eight hours after taking the drugs. They also receive intensive psychotherapy before, during and after administration to help them process the experience.

Recreational use has no such guardrails. Yet two states have already passed ballot initiatives to legalize psilocybin, even though the FDA has yet to approve it for any use. Oregon limits the drugs to supervised centers, but users do not need proof of any medical condition and the centers do not require oversight from a health-care professional. Colorado goes even further and allows private citizens to grow mushrooms. In the Denver area alone, dozens or perhaps hundreds of entrepreneurs have started offering psychedelic "services."



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A Galindoi variation of Psilocybe mexicana mushrooms in D.C. on Feb. 5, 2020.

Siegel, in a JAMA Psychiatry study he co-wrote, found that as of last September, 25 states have considered bills to increase psychedelic access. "I was shocked at the legislative momentum," he told me. Less than 1 in 4 bills mandate psychedelics to be restricted to medical environments, his study found. Only about 1 in 10 required physician involvement.

This follows the same playbook as marijuana. Once people became aware of that drug's possible therapeutic benefits, the popular narrative changed. Cannabis use became normalized, and its risks — such as addiction and its impact on judgment and brain development — were downplayed. Now, 23 states and D.C. have legalized recreational cannabis.

To me, the state-by-state efforts to legalize psychedelics have two major negative impacts. One is the harm to people taking the drugs in unregulated settings. As psychologist and addiction researcher Julian Somers from Simon Fraser University said to me, "Any time we increase the availability of drugs in a population, the rate of problems involving drugs goes up." Patients are already struggling with accessing mental health care. The last thing we need are substances that create new risks.

My second worry is that legislative fights over recreational legalization will impede legitimate biomedical treatment. This is what happened in the 1960s when promising studies into psychedelics were shelved in part because recreational access became a political battleground.

The attention and resources around psychedelics should be directed to where they are needed most: to help patients with serious mental health diagnoses who could truly benefit from these breakthrough therapies.

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Climate activists at a demonstration near the White House on Sept. 13, 2019.

A stale climate debate rages on in Texas

The state's school board quarrels over how to teach global warming.

REALLY? WE'RE *still* arguing about this?

Partisan sniping about whether human fuel-burning is warming the planet — about which there is no reasonable debate — and whether society should do anything about it feels more like 2003 than 2023. Yet officials in states such as Texas continue to fight a rearguard action against reality.

July marked the hottest month ever recorded on Earth. This summer has tested Texas in particular, with record-breaking temperatures straining the state's electric power grid, forcing Texas to issue eight energy conservation requests in August. An extended blackout would have almost certainly meant widespread deaths. Yes, Texas always gets hot in the summer. But the severity and frequency of extreme heat will only increase as the world warms, driven by burning fossil fuel.

Contrast this reality with the debate on what to teach Texas students about climate change, currently raging on the state's board of education, a body with outsize power to decide not only what Texas students learn — but those in other states, too.

The board is considering which science textbooks Texas eighth graders can be given. Because the board approves which books can be used in the huge state, it can influence the national textbook market. State curriculum standards require only that textbooks note that human activities "can" influence climate. Since those standards were adopted, the board has drifted further right.

Will Hickman, a Republican board member who works as a senior legal counsel for the oil giant Shell, asked whether Texas textbooks should also discuss the benefits from burning fossil fuels, given that modern life is still powered by hydrocarbons such as oil and gas. Patricia Hardy, another board member, said at a board meeting that students should learn that fossil fuels and naturally occurring climatic changes can both lead to increasing temperatures, which would downplay conclusive research showing fossil fuel use is rapidly warming the planet.

Of course, the world still depends on fossil fuels; students should know what their parents are putting into their gas tanks and where the electricity comes from when they flip on the lights (still often natural gas or coal-fired power plants). But that requires a full and unvarnished exploration of the fossil-fuel economy's escalating costs, too.

Yet, Texas officials are not alone in their attempts to weaken climate education. Florida approved for use material from the conservative Prager University Foundation, which includes climate change denial videos. North Carolina lawmakers tried to replace a required earth science course, which includes instruction on climate change, with a computer science class. Utah's state school board barely mustered a majority to keep climate change as part of its state science curriculum.

Americans largely recognize that human activity is causing climate change, with 74 percent of people agreeing. This number should only grow. Schools can prepare a rising generation of students with facts about how their environment is changing. Or they can continue engaging in a desultory argument about reality that should have ended decades ago.

Spain's new kingmakers

One of Europe's largest economies is in a perilous political quandary.

SPANIARDS HAVE so far escaped the scourge of European nationalism in this century, perhaps because they suffered so much from it in the last one. Spain's far-right Vox party — macho, flag-waving, migrant-bashing, climate-change-denying and hostile to LGBTQ+ rights, abortion access and even government moves against gender violence — was widely expected to form part of a coalition government that would emerge from elections in July. Instead, voters turned off by the party's extremism defied pre-election polls, slashed Vox's representation in Spain's parliament by more than 35 percent, and cast a majority of ballots almost equally for the governing liberal party of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and the opposition conservative party.

The resulting draw — with each party winning roughly one-third of the vote — reflects a broad mainstream consensus in a country whose economy, buttressed by tourism, has rebounded strongly from the pandemic. Unfortunately, it also yielded a stalemate in which nationalists of a different kind, who would break up Spain by pursuing regional independence, are playing the role of kingmakers. That's bad news for Madrid and good news for Moscow, which is actively trying to sow discord in Western countries.

Few countries are immune from the pernicious effects of identity politics, often arising from race or religion. In Spain, the wellspring is mainly regional, especially in the prosperous area of Catalonia whose bustling hub, Barcelona, is the country's most visited city. Even though Catalan separatist parties control just 14 of the Spanish parliament's 350 seats, they wield disproportionate power. With their support, Mr. Sanchez, prime minister since 2018, might cobble together a new coalition government, albeit a wobbly one, and remain in power. Without it, Spain could face an election redo later this year.

In the multiparty parliamentary systems prevalent in European democracies, where it's rare that a single party wins an outright election-day victory, rivals are often thrust into post-election negotiations to form coalition governments. Political polarization has made consensus-building more difficult and identity politics compounds the problem.

Spain's main parties on the left and right have relied in the past on alliances with smaller parties including regional blocs — Basques, Canary Islanders and others — that push for increased autonomy. But local leaders in Catalonia upped the ante a decade ago by embracing outright separatism and then, in 2017, organizing an illegal referendum on Catalan independence.

Since then, the leader of that referendum — Carles Puigdemont — has lived in Belgium as a fugitive from Spanish justice; he would face arrest on charges stemming from his role in the referendum if he returned to Catalonia. Nonetheless, Mr. Puigdemont still leads the more uncompromising of the two small Catalan parties in parliament. It is his backing that Mr. Sanchez and an allied left-wing party need to form a new government.

For now, there is political paralysis in Spain, a poor state of affairs for the fourth-largest economy among the European Union's 27 member states. Mr. Puigdemont's demands are unreasonable — not only amnesty for hundreds of mayors and other officials in Catalonia who backed the referendum (as well as, presumedly, himself), but a second, blatantly unconstitutional shot at voting for Catalan independence. No Spanish head of government or court would support that.

King Felipe VI has formally invited the center-right People's Party, the top vote-getter in the elections, to try to form a government. But the PP, as it is known, has virtually no chance of recruiting the support of separatists given its alliance with Vox, which vehemently opposes regional autonomy, let alone independence. And without Vox, even in its diminished form, the math does not work for the PP to assemble a majority in Spain's 350-seat parliament.

The clamor of separatist regional nationalism in Spain is not just divisive; it's also a distraction from larger problems. "Instead of discussing labor markets or how to fight climate change — a real threat to the tourism sector — or how to ensure good-quality lodging or affordable health care, we've had identity politics in the form of nationalist regional debates that have limited the ability to address important issues," said Arancha Gonzàlez Laya, a former Spanish foreign minister who is dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po, a leading French university.

Spain is a broadly successful country that built a vibrant democracy to overcome the bitter legacy of fascism, tyranny and intolerance under Francisco Franco, the dictator who died a half century ago. Yet it now risks becoming a cautionary tale of the perils of narrow communitarian interests trumping the majority.

That would please autocracies such as Russia, to which Mr. Puigdemont once reportedly turned for help in his campaign to break ties with Spain. It would only subvert the model of vibrant, pluralist democracies that Europe has strove to represent.

Mr. Sanchez would be wise to try offering inducements to Catalan nationalists, short of another (illegal) referendum, to persuade them to join a coalition government. Those might include forgiving some of the sizable debt Catalonia owes to the national government, or moves to implant the Catalan language more fully in government proceedings. Failing that, Spain is likely facing elections — again.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A rush to punishment

Regarding the Sept. 2 Metro article "Md. educator says he was falsely accused of racism":

It appears, according to the lawsuit he filed, that Dan Engler was not given due process or shown any support by the principal of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Lack of support is a primary reason many teachers are leaving the profession.

As a former English teacher in Montgomery County, I can identify with what happened to Mr. Engler. I, too, would seat students alphabetically, which they did not like, of course, because they wanted to sit next to their friends. I always taught five classes, and classes had more than 30 students. Seating them alphabetically was the most efficient way to take attendance and to learn their names.

It seems as though the principal of BCC used poor judgment in rushing to discipline Mr. Engler without even listening to his side of the story. Anyone who has been a teacher knows that students can misrepresent what happens in the classroom.

Bonnie Palmer, *Silver Spring*

Diversity is an advantage

Regarding the Sept. 1 editorial "U.S. military sets it sights on misogyny":

A widely diverse personnel base is a major military advantage because it allows the Army to react to problems in a multitude of ways. The classic example would be the use of Navajo code talkers during World War II. Whatever their skills as soldiers, it was the ability of those men to speak Navajo that was critical to the war effort.

The war in Afghanistan widowed thousands of Afghan women who then relied on charity for survival. Had the U.S. Army wanted to create an all-female Afghan defense force to guard schools, clinics, checkpoints, etc., it would have had to, given the Afghan culture, use female soldiers to train those Afghan women.

And those female soldiers would have had to have undergone combat training to do their job effectively.

We don't know what conflicts lie ahead, but having personnel, including women, who can carry out strategies that allow us to turn local cultures, beliefs or customs to our advantage can be helpful in achieving mission success.

Susan Altman, *Washington*

Giving our dreams a voice

Regarding the Sept. 3 front-page obituary for Jimmy Buffett, "A life full of tropical bliss, from music to margaritas":

I sat alone in the pre-dawn hours Saturday listening to "A Pirate Looks At Forty," a cleverly written poetic ode to lost youth and all the imagined things that might have been. Mr. Buffett's songs appealed to both sexes, but I think it was men who were most drawn to his work, especially the early stuff. His tunes contained a certain romantic wistfulness and longing that, expressed in everyday conversation, revealed us to be the adolescents many of us still are at heart. But they spoke to us all the same, and we appreciated having someone like Mr. Buffett, who put our boyish dreams and fantasies to music and, thus, gave them voice.

Joe Elliott, *Arden, N.C.*

Jimmy Buffett died, and his 76-year voyage comes to a peaceful end. Though some remember him for his platinum records or his business empire, Mr. Buffett's lasting impact extends far past his Margaritaville brand.

Mr. Buffett's music recruited many a sailor into his Parrothead crew, but for many, including me, his songs were enough to pull them up from the crushing depths of the day-to-day grind. Much like Mr. Buffett, I've lived my life as both the son of a sailor and the son of a son of a sailor. My father and grandfather were seafaring Coast Guardsmen, and I've found myself as a sailor-turned-student transplanted into suburban Northern Virginia. Although a cold root beer is much more my speed, the allure of Mr. Buffett's fictional paradise town of Margaritaville has kept me afloat as I've navigated the stressful life of a high school senior.

I'm not alone. Mr. Buffett's music has helped people stay between the day-boards as we deal with the menial struggles of life on land. Mr. Buffett's humor makes light of our day-to-day problems while his melodies remind us that the sea is never too far away. Island escapism, his genre of calypso/rock/country fusion, speaks to the hopes of many Americans: Someday, we will be able to leave our busy lives behind and sail away to calmer waters. Although Mr. Buffett is gone, his music will continue to help us hang on while we wait for 5 o'clock.

Ethan King, *Fairfax Station*

Technology transfer to China

Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.) was perfectly correct in his Aug. 30 Wednesday Opinion essay, "Americans have to stop financing the Chinese Communist Party," to call out American investment in China as problematic. But he didn't go far enough.

Not all American investment in China is monetary. Technology transfers are of equal, if not greater, concern. Microsoft, Amazon, Oracle and their peers are unwittingly allowing China to leverage unfair tactics in the country's competition against the United States through the blatant theft of U.S. intellectual property. The technology they share with China has played a significant role in expanding China's growing surveillance and censorship efforts, whether by supporting the country's internet blocks and adhering to its censorship laws or offering American data to the Chinese police.

Congress looks for greater transparency into financial institutions' investments in China. I urge it to also inquire about corporate operations in China, too.

Paul Rosenzweig, *Washington*

The writer, a technology consultant, was a deputy assistant secretary for homeland security in the George W. Bush administration.

How to help Haiti

I share the qualified optimism of the Sept. 1 editorial "A Haitian intervention that could work" that Kenyan troops could bring peace and stability to Haiti. Providing security solely for Haiti's infrastructure, however, fails to address the criminal gangs or target the root causes of the country's ever-worsening economy.

Bringing Haiti into the 21st century will be achieved only by eliminating the violence in Port-au-Prince; improving the condition of the Haitian people, many of whom are malnourished and live in poverty; having access to capital and repaying loans; lowering unemployment; and stemming the exodus of Haitians to the United States and elsewhere.

With bipartisan support in Congress, the Biden administration could take the lead by partnering with private industry and the international banking system to train and equip a modern Haitian police force while Kenyan troops, with guidance from Haiti's own government; provide order and security throughout Haiti's cities and towns; establish a network of privately run and properly resourced public schools, health clinics, food banks and job-training centers; and establish a flow of modern farm equipment and agricultural experts to assist farmers in more efficient farming methods and crop production.

Haiti's proximity to the United States is reason enough for our government to come up with a workable plan to suppress this five-alarm fire that has already spread to our southern border and to South Florida. An all-hands-on-deck approach to this problem is imperative, even if it means redirecting our foreign aid budget.

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Look for climate change in your insurance bill

Homeowners who have been spared from extreme weather might be tempted to think of climate change as something that affects only other people. That's wrong.

Home insurance rates are spiking across the country, and they're only going to worsen as floods and fires intensify. To keep insurance markets stable and premiums affordable, state governments must act now to regulate how and where houses are built.

Consider Florida, where thousands of homes were pummeled last week by Hurricane Idalia. The families in those properties will suffer the most from the fallout, but homeowners across the state could pay for the disaster in the form of higher insurance premiums.

This fact is often lost when talking about the rising costs of living in a changing climate: No property exists in a vacuum. Already, insurance markets in some states are creaking under the weight of repeated natural disasters.

Florida has been hit the hardest in recent years, resulting in punishing hikes in home insurance premiums.

More than 30 insurers have left the state or limited their coverage options in the past three years, and more are expected to leave soon. That's partly because of an insurance scam in the state that has tied up insurers in frivolous, expensive litigation, which the state government enacted legislation to address. But the much larger problem — that powerful hurricanes are becoming more frequent — looms large.

With fewer coverage options, Florida homeowners are scrambling to find affordable policies. The state-backed Citizens Property Insurance, ostensibly a last-resort option, is now Florida's largest home insurer, stressing the company's solvency. Some Floridians have taken the much riskier route of going without insurance, setting up the local economy for serious pain the next time a powerful storm hits.

And it's not just Florida. In California, worsening wildfires have also driven insurers from the state or forced them to scale back policies. Residents of Washington, Montana and Colorado are watching their coverage options shrink, too.

In fact, insurers have sought to hike premiums across the country. The Wall Street Journal reports that since last year, double-digit increases have been approved in 31 states, including six states — Arizona, Texas, North Carolina, Oregon, Illinois and Utah — that have approved increases of more than 20 percent.

Of course, inflation is a big reason for surging premiums, but natural disasters themselves are becoming more frequent and more expensive. Insurance companies have long modeled risks for "primary perils," including earthquakes and hurricanes. Now, disasters that were historically more manageable, such as wildfires, hail, floods and severe storms, are becoming "primary" threats, too.

This has economic implications beyond just higher monthly premiums. When insurance markets retrench, it becomes harder for lenders to manage the risk of financing home purchases. That, in turn, depresses real estate markets and construction industries.

There are no easy solutions here. Having the government provide coverage options or subsidize them creates a moral hazard by shielding homeowners and developers from the true risk a property faces.

Yet letting insurers set whatever prices they want isn't realistic, either. Market forces don't seem to persuade many people to move out of risky locations. As Florida shows, many instead give up on insurance altogether. Already, the percentage of homeowners without coverage is surging. It is at 12 percent today compared with just 5 percent in 2016, the Insurance Information Institute reports. That's good for no one; if a disaster hits these homes, lack of coverage would severely slow down recovery.

So what's to be done? In addition to transitioning to renewable energy to limit global warming, policymakers must brace for more volatile weather.

That starts with updating building codes to better protect homes from natural disasters. Florida overhauled its building regulations, after Hurricane Andrew devastated the state in 1992, to strengthen homes against winds and to require tougher inspections. Similar reforms are needed nationwide that account for climate risks.

States should also reassess what land is most vulnerable and use that information to restrict development and make existing property more resilient.

This sort of work can be hugely controversial. When Oregon redrew its wildfire risk maps last year, government officials faced violent threats and were forced to withdraw plans to expand where homes need to be hardened against fires. The government has another chance to redraw maps and will likely succeed, thanks to legislation passed this year that safeguards residents from massive insurance premium hikes.

The federal government has a role to play, too. It can encourage states to plan for the worst by tying aid — such as disaster relief funds or infrastructure investments — to resiliency strategies. No state suffering from extreme weather should go without support, but the era of blank checks must end.

The climate is changing, and no one will escape its impact. If governments fail to prepare, everyone will pay the costs.



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I often disagreed with RBG, but her stamp is a fitting tribute

BY J. HARVIE WILKINSON III

I recently received a letter from the U.S. Postal Service. I opened it with mild annoyance, expecting an announcement of some interruption or rerouting of service.

Imagine my surprise at receiving an invitation to the Oct. 2 first-day-of-issue ceremony of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg postage stamp. First days of issue are a big deal for stamp collectors like me. The stamp is marked Forever, the typical designation intended to protect us from the creeping irritation of rising postal rates.

What a wonderful tribute, I thought. I smiled, remembering the old candy store on Fourth Street in Charlottesville that featured various RBG sweet treats at the checkout counter a few years back. They were, the proprietor told me, the hottest-selling items, outstripping the old-fashioned shop's infinite varieties of licorice, jelly beans and chocolate. So popular was Justice Ginsburg even in unexpected places, and there she was, stealing in absentia the entire scene.

There was much to like and admire about Justice Ginsburg: The personal gestures of kindness arriving at just the right times. The improbability of such a soft-spoken figure wielding such a large influence on the law. Her courage despite multiple bouts with cancer. Her mastery of the judicial craft. "Get it right and keep it tight," she would say. Nobody did it better.

She had been my friend. She chose several of my law clerks to clerk for her, and each of them adored her. I had learned at dinners to lean over so I could hear what she was saying. I had come to understand that the long pauses in conversation were not terminations, but intermissions between insights.

But using the stamp on my personal correspondence? No way. I summoned no end of excuses. That she had intruded inadvisedly in the 2016 election. That she claimed for the Constitution an all-but-definitive word on abortion. That she was too quick to exile the slightest religious expression from the public square. That she would too easily displace representative government and the votes and voices of millions with the superior wisdom of just five justices of the court.

The gap was just too great. Affixing portraiture to a letter shows the warm and admiring view of the sender for the person on the stamp. My friends would laugh, seeing it as wildly incongruous or as some kind of heehaw from which we would all derive a merry chuckle. Safer just to let it be.

Safer, maybe, but in the end, not right. Being true to oneself should not mean being untrue to someone else. Death does not erase differences. Nor should it. Historical debates are often the most heated. Witness the one raging over whether the founders of our nation should be judged by our contemporary standards or in the context of their times.

But if not an eraser, death may yet be a benign enabler, allowing us to see others in the round and to render differences so large in life less consequential afterward. What comes through to me in the stamp is not a stand on abortion or judicial activism, but ineffable kindness and a lifetime spent promoting the full dignity of women, and doing so in the belief that the law in all its majesty lights the best path toward that end.

So yes, I will use the stamp — if I can find it. I suspect there will be a run on it, and that no matter how many sheets or rolls the Postal Service prints, it will have grossly underestimated the demand.

I hope that in the future, it will not take mortality and a postage stamp to remind us that simply having different views and leading a different life make no one less of an American than any other. Perhaps that's how Justice Ginsburg would have wished it. Perhaps she would see her Forever stamp as a feminist response to Abraham Lincoln's penny — a small but lasting symbol of unity in a fractured time.

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RUTH MARCUS

Alabama crosses a post-Roe frontier in restricting abortion

Remember all that happy talk about our federal system and letting states decide for themselves whether to allow abortion in the wake of the *Dobbs* ruling last year? Some states would prohibit abortion; some would allow it; and, as Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh assured us, women in abortion-banning states would be free to travel elsewhere to obtain the procedure.

Well, not so fast — at least according to Alabama. The state prohibits almost all abortion, even in cases of rape and incest. Now comes Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall to say that's doesn't go far enough. According to Marshall, helping women travel to other states to obtain abortions could amount to a "criminal conspiracy" under state law, one that he's prepared to prosecute.

"An elective abortion performed in Alabama would be a criminal offense; thus, a conspiracy formed in the State to have that same act performed outside the State is illegal," Marshall wrote in a court filing last week. Whether an abortion would be legal in the state where it was performed didn't matter, Marshall asserted; the state's criminal conspiracy law covers acts that would be illegal under Alabama law.

Therefore, he said, "the legality of abortion in other states is irrelevant" and "Alabama can criminalize Alabama-based conspiracies to commit abortions elsewhere."

This is the reality of post-*Roe* America, where women in red states have only the reproductive rights that the most extreme state officials are willing to grant.

Marshall's position wouldn't apply to the pregnant woman herself, since the state's criminal law — at least so far — applies only to those who perform or otherwise facilitate the abortion.

But given the scant availability of abortion in the Deep South and other red states, and given the distances one must travel to find an abortion provider, the ability to access funding and other logistical support is important for women seeking to exercise what was once their constitutional right.

Of the four states bordering Alabama, for example, two (Mississippi and Tennessee) have imposed near-total bans, Georgia prohibits abortion after six weeks, and Florida's current 15-week limit is set to give way to a six-week ban.

Abortion rights supporters who provide funding and other assistance to women seeking abortions out of state filed suit in federal court against Marshall after he made remarks on a radio program calling such efforts "potentially criminally actionable for us."



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Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall testifies during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in March 2022.

The cases — there are two lawsuits that have been combined — assert that Marshall's threat of prosecution violates the abortion rights advocates' due process, freedom of speech and right to travel.

One plaintiff, obstetrician-gynecologist Yashica Robinson, said she can't provide pregnant patients who want to terminate their pregnancies with information about abortion access out of state for fear of being prosecuted. Another, the Yellowhammer Fund, which arranges funding and transportation for low-income women seeking abortions, similarly stopped such activities after *Dobbs* because of threatened criminal liability.

To call Marshall's response insulting and dismissive would be an understatement. His motion to dismiss the case compared Alabama's interest in preventing out-of-state abortions to efforts to combat heroin trafficking in jurisdictions that had decriminalized the drug. He said the state had an interest in regulating the use of money to travel for out-of-state abortions "just like it regulates paying someone to travel to obtain out-of-state illegal drugs."

Arguing that the state legislature had likened abortion to "murder," he said, it therefore "can criminalize Alabama-based conspiracies to commit abortions elsewhere, even if the State lacked jurisdiction to prosecute out-of-state crime."

As to free speech, Marshall said, "One cannot seriously doubt that the State can prevent a mobster from asking a hit man to kill a rival because the agreement occurred through spoken word. So too here for conspiracies to obtain an elective abortion."

And he pooh-poohed the notion that the threat of prosecution interfered with the constitutionally protected right to travel. "Their clients' right to travel is not implicated here; and even if it was, Alabama law does not present an unconstitutional burden on it given the State's strong interests in protecting unborn life and maternal health."

Marshall is an antiabortion zealot, but he's not alone in targeting efforts to obtain abortions outside states that ban the procedure. A new Idaho "abortion trafficking" law makes it a crime — punishable by two to five years in prison — to help a pregnant minor obtain an abortion out of state without parental consent. That law is being challenged in federal court. Several jurisdictions in Texas have passed statutes making it illegal to transport women seeking to obtain an abortion on roads within their limits, and empowered private citizens to sue anyone suspected of a violation.

Drug traffickers and heroin dealers. Mobsters and hit men. It's no surprise that those who believe abortion is tantamount to murder would resort to such overheated rhetoric and tactics.

But make no mistake: This was never about restoring contested issues to the wisdom of the democratic process. It was and will be about depriving women of the choice to control their own bodies, by whatever means necessary.

GEORGE F. WILL

Why conservatives should support Ukraine

Like stones pitched into ponds, wars cause radiating ripples. Russia's war of attempted annihilation of Ukraine — the largest European war since World War II, and the most important world event since the end of the Cold War — is causing waves, political and intellectual, that should cleanse a current American argument.

Some conservatives oppose continuing U.S. assistance to Ukraine. They should recognize how their actions contradict one of their core principles.

The wilder shores of today's conservatism are inhabited by those of the "New Right" who embrace a root-and-branch rejection of the classical liberal project, which includes the premises of the American founding: an elemental focus on the individual possessing natural rights that precede government, including the right to define the happiness he or she will pursue in an open society lightly regulated by a limited government. New Right rejectionists regard this as a recipe for a political community reduced to a dust of individuals — deracinated, lonely and without social attachments.

Some New Rightists have succumbed to progressive envy: They crave the excitement progressives derive from trying to wield government power to hammer society into new configurations. But the most unseemly New Right temptation is to abandon Ukraine. Partly this is petulance with a patina of principle ("America First"): President Biden supports Ukraine, so we won't.

The New Right should learn from a more nuanced recent addition to post-1945 conservatism, National Conservatism. And some National Conservatives — those who support Ukraine tepidly, if at all — should take their professed principles more seriously.

National Conservatism, like the New Right, is eager to use government policies to protect social solidarity against the solvents of global economic forces and domestic cultural entropy. A Venn diagram would probably reveal significant overlap of the beliefs of New Rightists and National Conservatives, particularly regarding this:

Cosmopolitanism has its virtues. But so does nationalism, because the nation-state is essential for protecting self-government, and pride in one's cultural inheritance impedes the blandness of cultural homogenization.

Majorities of both factions likely properly dislike what many celebrators of European integration have hoped the European Union would become. So, they should read Michael Kimmage on "Ukraine and the Future of the European Project" in Foreign Affairs.

Kimmage, a Catholic University historian, writes that many people — including the architects and advocates of European integration, and conservatives with forebodings about that — have "underestimated the salience of the nation-state and the endurance of nationalism."

Ukraine's ferocious resistance to Russian aggression — and the empathetic response of other European nations — is testimony to what Kimmage calls "the pull of national belonging." Made vivid and noble by Ukraine's tenacious self-defense, this pull is not just continuing; it is intensifying. And it is infectious for other nations that admire what they are watching.

Today's war is between two fragments of that rickety artifice, the Soviet Union. Russia and Ukraine are demonstrating, in diametrically different ways, that Europe has not become what many hoped, and others feared, that it would be what Kimmage calls "a postnational paradise."

Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression is an assertion of an imperial entitlement to possession of Ukraine as a satrapy. Ukraine's incandescent rejection of Russia's asserted right to extinguish Ukraine's sovereignty has compelled the world to see Russia's war on the idea of nationhood. Kimmage:

"As much as Europe has changed Ukraine since 1991, drawing it away from its Soviet past, Ukraine will shape Europe. The nature of its postwar nationhood will change the idea of Europe."

The E.U., Kimmage writes, was "created to tame European nationalism" and, if Ukraine survives, will struggle "to reconcile Ukraine's national strength with the postnational spirit of the EU." This is why all conservatives, but especially those who affirm National Conservatism's "statement of principles," should rally around Ukraine. The statement, a ringing rejection of cosmopolitanism's disparagement of nationality, says:

"We see the tradition of independent, self-governed nations as the foundation for restoring a proper orientation toward patriotism and courage, honor and loyalty . . . we see a world of independent nations . . . upholding national traditions that are its own — as the only genuine alternative to . . . a homogenizing, locality-destroying imperium."

This vocabulary echoes that of Edmund Burke's 1790 book "Reflections on the Revolution in France," one of conservatism's foundational texts. It is the proper vocabulary for reflecting on Ukraine's counterrevolution against the exhausted idea of a "post-national" future — a watery, unnourishing gruel.

U.S. conservatism is a political faith with several denominations. Without minimizing the differences, conservatives should be able to plant their several flags on the common ground of support for Ukraine's nationhood.

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BUDGET EXCLUDES YOUNGKIN'S BIG TAX CUTS

Funding increases for education and mental health

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — The Virginia General Assembly passed a budget compromise Wednesday that both Republican and Democratic lawmakers praised — though Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) got only a few of the recurring tax cuts he had been seeking.

Youngkin last month summoned lawmakers to Richmond after budget negotiators from the Senate and House of Delegates reached a tentative agreement on changes to this year's spending plan. Since adjourning the regular General Assembly session Feb. 25 without a budget deal, lawmakers had spent the past six months at loggerheads over Youngkin's push for $1 billion in tax cuts.

His proposed cuts included reducing the corporate tax rate, trimming the top marginal rate for individuals and increasing the standard deduction, all on top of $4 billion in tax cuts that the General Assembly passed last year.

Democrats balked at the recurring cuts — which would decrease state revenue into the future — and instead proposed greater increases for spending priorities such as public education, teacher and state employee pay raises, and mental health services.

Last month, House Republican negotiators partially conceded to Senate Democrats and dropped most of the recurring tax cuts, settling instead for one-time taxpayer rebates of $200 for individuals and $400 for couples. The deal also would increase the standard deduction to $8,500 from $8,000 for single filers and to $17,000 from $16,000 for married couples filing jointly. That change will remain in effect as long as state revenue hits certain targets. If it falls short, the deduction reverts to current levels.

Also included: restoration of the back-to-school sales tax holiday that lawmakers and the governor all forgot to reenact this year, as well as higher spending on education and mental health.

The House voted 86-4 in favor of the package of budget amendments, and the Senate approved it 38-0.

"While the process took longer than needed, more than $1 billion in tax relief is on the way to Virginia veterans, working families and businesses," Youngkin said in a statement shortly after the votes. "Additionally, this col-

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A church with meaning for generations



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Holy Rosary Church members toast one another during a luncheon after an Italian Mass and dedication ceremony for the D.C. parish's new rectory on June 11. See more images by photojournalist Ricky Carioti from the Washington Post photography department's "A Capital Summer" series on B2.

Va. man is latest in Jan. 6 arrests

Charges relate to his alleged role in attack on D.C. police officer

BY TOM JACKMAN

Federal authorities continue to arrest alleged Jan. 6 participants more than 2½ years after the Capitol riot, with a Virginia man being taken into custody Wednesday and charged with being part of a group that attacked D.C. police officer Michael Fanone.

Lewis Wayne Snoots, 59, of Louisa, about 33 miles east of Charlottesville, was charged with felony assault on a police officer, felony civil disorder and three misdemeanors. About 140 officers from the U.S. Capitol and D.C. police forces were injured on Jan. 6, 2021, and authorities have charged about 400 people with assaulting those officers.

Since the beginning of this year, the Justice Department has charged 188 new defendants, according to Patricia Hartman of the U.S. attorney's office in Washington. Riot arrests total nearly 1,150, according to statistics released Wednesday by the Justice Department, and 799 of those people have been convicted. The average prison sentence for a felony conviction has been about 3½ years, according to a Washington Post database.

Fanone, who nearly died in the riot after being dragged into the mob outside the lower West Terrace tunnel, has since resigned from the force, and he has spoken harshly about his attackers. Four men who pleaded guilty to assaulting Fanone have received some of the stiffest sentences of any of the Jan. 6 defendants.

After being part of the police line that stood against rioters trying to push through the tunnel, Fanone was grabbed around the neck by Albuquerque Head of Kingsport, Tenn., and dragged outside, court records and testimony have shown. An affidavit filed Wednesday by FBI Special Agent Kevin Moore contains photos and video images from the tunnel purportedly showing Snoots as part of the crowd and snatching a riot shield away from officers, passing it over his head to rioters pressing behind him.

Moore's affidavit alleges that as Head pulled Fanone toward the crowd outside, Snoots moved

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Md. sheriff facing federal charges returns to work

Frederick County lawman Chuck Jenkins is accused of aiding in illegal machine gun rental scheme

BY DAN MORSE

A longtime Maryland sheriff accused of working with a gun range owner to funnel machine guns to rent at the range announced last week he was rescinding a self-imposed leave of absence.

"As it stands, I am still the elected sheriff of Frederick County," Chuck Jenkins said in a statement, "and I am the only law enforcement officer directly accountable to the voting public."

The Republican's official return to full-time status drew criticism, including from Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, who noted that in April Jenkins issued a news release saying he would remain on leave for the duration of the federal criminal case against him.

"I am disappointed that he has now gone back on his word," Fitzwater (D) said in a statement.

Others in the jurisdiction about 50 miles north of Washington lauded Jenkins's move, a reflection of strongly held positions

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RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST

Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, seen in 2013, had announced seven days after he was indicted in April that he would take a leave of absence "through the end of this judicial process."

Behind homeless woman's death in jail, an unseen crisis



Theresa Vargas

Charles Wells didn't know Abonesh Woldegeorges. But he has known plenty of people who, like her, ended up unhoused and sleeping at Reagan National Airport.

Wells used to work at the airport, and because the pay he received for pushing wheelchairs often fell short of the cost of rent for a D.C. apartment, he slept in the terminal for about three years. At first, he slept there every once in a while. Then, he slept there nightly.

During that time, Wells learned to recognize who was sitting in those airport seats because they had somewhere to go and who was sitting in those airport seats because they had nowhere to go.

"You'd think there would be some kind of organization that would be able to assist people in a situation like that," he told me on a recent evening. But he never encountered one, he said. Instead, Wells said, he tried his best to go unnoticed because he knew the consequences of drawing attention to his situation. He had watched officers force others, including a woman he sometimes bought food for, out of the airport.

I met Wells years ago while reporting on the disparities of minimum wage in the region. At the time, he shared with me how he sometimes had enough money to ride the Metro to his job at the airport but not enough money to take the train back to the District, where he had spent time living in a shelter before he found a room for rent that he could afford.

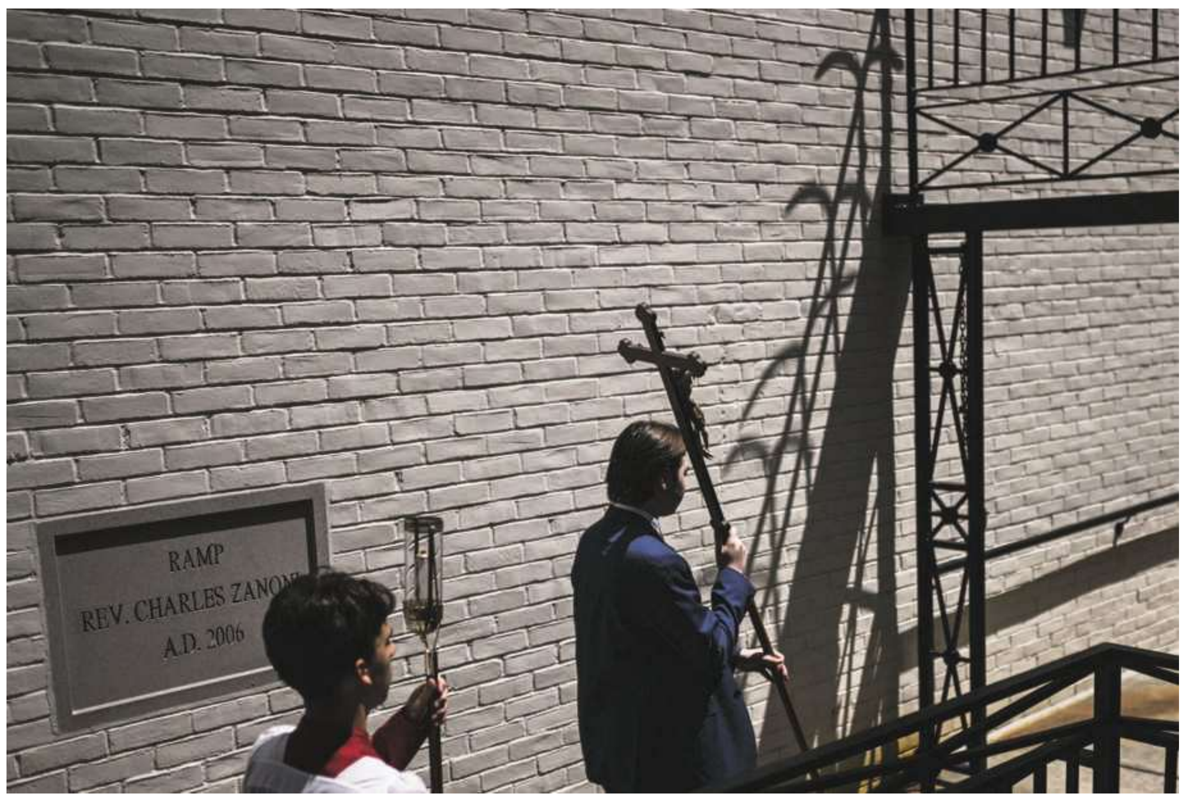
Wells was the first person I called after I learned what happened to Woldegeorges. I wanted to know if the two had crossed paths. The 73-year-old woman was arrested at the airport on Aug. 13, charged with

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A CAPITAL SUMMER



Holy Rosary's parishioners pose for a photograph on the front steps of the church on June 11.



Usher Luca Mariggio, 16, right, and altar server Anthony Russo, 14, walk outside after their exit processional at Holy Rosary Church.



Archbishop Christophe Pierre swings a thurible, the metal vessel in which incense is burned, as he leads the prayer service during the Italian Mass at Holy Rosary Church on June 11. The archbishop, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, was the principal celebrant for the Mass and a dedication ceremony of the church's new rectory.



A statue of the Pietà, left, and a basket of bread near the doorway to offer parishioners during the Italian Mass at Holy Rosary Church, a parish within the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.



Ushers Cesar Mariggio of Vienna, Va., and his grandson Luca Mariggio of Oakton, Va., take photos from the rear of the church.

An Italian church's enduring traditions

PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICKY CARIOTI
TEXT BY MICHAEL E. RUANE

On Dec. 14, 1913, the Rev. Nicola DeCarlo led a group of Italian immigrants to a house he rented at 83 H St. NW, and in the front parlor held an Italian Mass. It was the start of Holy Rosary Church.

Since then, wrote Washington Post photojournalist Ricky Carioti, every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., generations of Italians have gathered in the nation's capital to celebrate an Italian language Mass. These days, it's in a beautiful church at 595 Third St. NW.

The old Italian neighborhood there, where immigrant artisans and stone workers lived, is gone. But Chiesa del Santo Rosario still draws its faithful from across the region.

Carioti, whose Italian parents met and were married there, went back this summer to capture the feel of the church's enduring traditions. He also got a huge group of parishioners, along with Archbishop Christophe Pierre, to pose for a picture on the front steps.

An early blueprint reveals grander plans for what would become RFK Stadium



John Kelly's Washington

On a spring day 41 years ago, a few hardy Minnesotans engaged in a bit of .... well, what would you call it? Urban exploration? Impromptu archaeology?

"I would call it vandalism, probably," **Phil Wood** said with a laugh.

You may know Phil from his years talking sports on the Washington and Baltimore airwaves. We were at his Reisterstown, Md., home. A blueprint was spread out on his dining room table, its curling corners held down by autographed baseballs in plastic display cubes.

The blueprint was dated Nov. 15, 1956, and labeled "National Memorial Stadium." It's an early stab at what would eventually become Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium.

And how did it end up with Phil? Well, some time around 1996, Phil got a call from a guy who said that on April 3, 1982, he and his buddies had celebrated the opening of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome by grilling in the parking lot — not the parking lot of the Metrodome but the parking lot of the *previous* Minnesota Twins ballpark: Metropolitan Stadium.

"They found an open door and went into Met Stadium," Phil said.

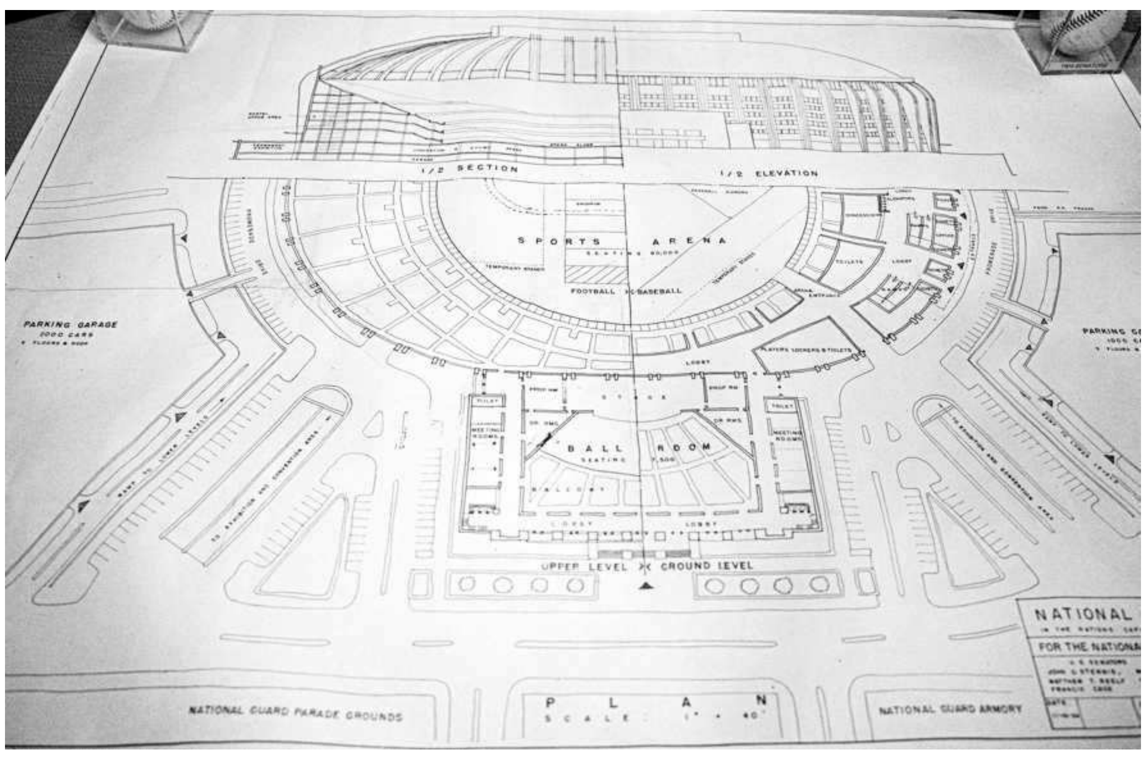
That stadium would eventually be demolished — the Mall of America is built on its bones — but on this day it was a veritable time capsule, full of stuff that had been left behind. The trespassers found their way into the old office of team owner **Calvin Griffith** and liberated some souvenirs, including the blueprint. Years later, one of the guys decided Phil might like it.

RFK Stadium was home to Washington's NFL franchise, of course, and the Senators and the Nationals. The city's NFL team left for a new venue after the 1996 season. The Nationals played their last game there in 2007. But the stadium is back in the news as local and national politicians consider what might become of the site. People seem to agree it can't be just a football stadium, in use barely a dozen times a year.

That's what makes looking at this design, the work of Dallas architects **George L. Dahl** and **Walter W. Cook**, so interesting. It's reminiscent of RFK — an open-roofed stadium with a field that accommodates baseball and football — but with some extras.



PHOTOS BY JOHN KELLY/THE WASHINGTON POST



FROM TOP: Phil Wood's Reisterstown, Md., basement is full of D.C. baseball memorabilia that the retired broadcaster collected over the years. Wood, 72, was 4 or 5 when his father took him to his first Senators game at D.C.'s Griffith Stadium. The 1956 blueprint for a precursor to RFK Stadium includes a lot of familiar features — and some unfamiliar ones, including a 7,500-seat ballroom.

RFK Stadium, originally named D.C. Stadium at its fall 1961 opening, is back in the news as politicians wrestle over the future of the site.

There's a 7,500-seat ballroom with a stage and a balcony. It would be a fine place to see a symphony. The concourse accommodates exhibition space for conventions. Rather than acres of asphalt for parking, there are multistory parking lots.

Even this wasn't as grand as what **Sen. Theodore Bilbo** (D-Miss.) envisioned. Bilbo led an early congressional effort to build a memorial stadium in Washington. A week after the death of **Franklin D. Roosevelt** on April 12, 1945, Bilbo recommended a stadium be named after the president.

Whatever it was to be called, Bilbo wanted it *big*, with seating for at least 175,000 people.

"He thinks anything smaller wouldn't justify a national memorial stadium," **J.O. Day**, counselor for the Senate District Committee, told the Washington Evening Star.

There was also speculation that the stadium might have a unique "floating" roof. Wrote the Star: "Imagine several acres of roof suspended by air, raised on hot days and lowered on cold nights by the flip of a switch."

Congress authorized the construction of a stadium in 1957. What was then known as D.C. Stadium opened in the fall of 1961. It was renamed in 1969, after the assassination of **Robert F. Kennedy** the previous year.

The blueprint is just one item in Wood's large and varied collection of sports memorabilia, most of it related to D.C. baseball.

"This is **Harmon Killebrew's** road jersey from 1960," Wood said as we entered his basement. "This is a **Mickey Vernon** jersey. Here's a **Roy Sievers** 1957 jersey and an **Eddie Yost** from 1958."

Resting against the wall was a set of wooden seats from Griffith Stadium, the Senators' old home. Before they wound up with Wood, they were in Rosecroft Raceway, which recycled some of Griffith Stadium's seating when the ballpark was demolished.

Wood, 72, grew up in the District and Northern Virginia. He was 4 or 5 when his father took him to his first Senators game at Griffith Stadium on Georgia Avenue NW.

"What impressed me was I could raise my hand and a man would bring me an ice cream sandwich," he said.

Wood soon began to appreciate baseball on a more complex level.

"The Senators were never particularly good when I was growing up," Wood said. "My dad said to me, 'If this is going to be your team, understand they're not going to win all the time. The joy is just in being at a major league baseball game. If your team wins, it's like getting two things for one. It's a bonus.'"

Speaking of bonuses: By 2019, Wood had decided he would retire from his postgame Nationals' radio gig after that season.

"They graciously won the World Series for me," he said.

The team was nice enough to give Wood something else for his collection: a World Series ring.

Virginia lawmakers pass budget deal

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laborative effort ensured the funding of our shared priorities: investing in students and teachers, supporting our law enforcement community and transforming the way behavioral health care is delivered in the Commonwealth. There's more work to be done, but I applaud the General Assembly for their work today."

"I'm pleased," Del. Barry D. Knight (R-Virginia Beach), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said in brief floor remarks before the vote. "This budget is a bipartisan, bicameral compromise."

Knight praised the package for containing $1.1 billion in tax relief — mostly in the form of one-time payments to taxpayers — and for boosting funding for public education by more than 7 percent over the amount approved in the bare-bones "skinny budget" passed in February to keep agencies on track.

"We believe this budget package provides much-needed relief to help our low- and middle-income citizens," Knight said in his remarks.

Minority Leader Don L. Scott Jr. (D-Portsmouth) also praised the budget deal in comments before the vote but took a more combative tone.

"Today, hard-working Virginians won," he said, adding that Democrats had secured a deal that "puts Virginia families over corporations" and is more affordable than the "tax breaks MAGA extremists wanted to hand to big corporations."

He went on to praise the budget for safeguarding abortion services for low-income people — something he said Republicans had tried to strip out in an earlier version — as well as funding for gun violence prevention.

"Every single Republican voted to give tax breaks to corporations, but we've come to our senses," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Richard L. Saslaw (D-Fairfax) said the compromise shows that Youngkin was out on a limb in proposing a host of tax cuts, including one on corporate profits that the Democrat called "preposterous."

"He apparently thinks he can run the government for free," Saslaw said. "Unfortunately, you can't."

Sen. Janet D. Howell (D-Fairfax), co-chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, called the spending plan "the best budget I've seen in my 32 years" in the Senate.

"We have filled lots of gaps that had been festering for decades," she said. "We've known for decades that our mental health system needed a lot of additional funding, and we're giving it to it this time. And education at all levels — from pre-K all the way through higher ed — is getting an influx of money that will help them meet needs."

All 140 seats in the legislature are on the Nov. 7 ballot, with control of the General Assembly at stake. Republicans controlled the House 52-48 in this year's session, while Democrats controlled the Senate 22-18. Flipping only a few seats in either chamber could give Republicans total power to enact Youngkin's conservative agenda — or keep Democrats in position to block it.

"While the process took longer than needed, more than $1 billion in tax relief is on the way to Virginia veterans, working families and businesses. ... There's more work to be done, but I applaud the General Assembly for their work today."

Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R), in a statement shortly after the General Assembly passed its budget deal

With Youngkin maintaining a high national profile by flirting with a presidential run that enables him to raise record-breaking amounts of cash, political pressure has worked against Republicans and Democrats compromising on any kind of budget deal.

The impasse hasn't affected state services. Virginia is operating on a two-year spending plan adopted in 2022, and the second-year budget went into effect July 1. But some $3.6 billion in excess state money had been left in limbo. School districts around the state have been particularly affected, leaving them uncertain about the scope of teacher pay raises and other funding increases.

The budget deal hammered out by negotiators includes an increase of more than $640 million in direct aid to K-12 schools and about $55 million for a 2 percent pay raise for teachers.

It also boosts spending on mental health services by nearly $155 million, including $10 million for mobile crisis teams and $7.5 million for school-based pilot programs.

The budget includes $15 million for "Operation Ceasefire," a program that Speaker Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) has pursued for years as a means of curbing violent crime.

Youngkin has seven days to make any amendments, which the House and Senate would return to consider.

VIRGINIA

Tow truck hauls away SUV near mall with two toddlers still inside

BY SALVADOR RIZZO

A tow-truck driver hauled away an SUV parked outside the Pentagon City mall Tuesday morning with two toddlers inside, and police cited the driver who had left the children in the car.

The 26-year-old woman called police shortly after 11 a.m., reporting that her car had been stolen while her children, ages 3 and 1, were inside. Police said that the vehicle was towed because it was in a no-parking zone and that a "preliminary investigation indicates the tow operator was unaware the children were inside and upon notification, pulled over to check on them."

"Responding officers then made contact with the children and determined they were in good health," Arlington police spokeswoman Ashley Savage said.

After police officers took the woman to the towing company's lot to retrieve her children, she was cited for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and allowed to leave. The woman could not be reached Tuesday evening for comment.

John O'Neill, the owner of Advanced Towing in Arlington, said the woman left her white Hyundai Kona with the engine running and doors unlocked for about 16 minutes "in a fire lane outside the mall."

A photo of the vehicle posted on ArlNow.com, which first reported the incident, appears to show a clear view into the SUV through the front window. The website did not post an image showing a side view.

O'Neill said the tow-truck driver did not spot the two toddlers strapped into the back seat before pulling away with the vehicle, in part because of the sun's glare and because, in O'Neill's telling, the "seats were black leather, and so were the car seats, and the children were African American."

The children are not visible in photos the driver took from the outside, O'Neill said.

"The kids were both asleep, and they both were covered up," O'Neill said. "We actually notified the police department that we were towing the vehicle, and the police department called us back to tell us there were kids in the car. Driver pulled over, checked on the kids; they were fine."

Tow-truck operators have alerted police before when they have found children left in wrongly parked cars on high-temperature days, O'Neill said. "We find them often," he said.

Advanced Towing has faced allegations of aggressive practices in the past. In 2020, it was sued by then-Virginia Attorney General Mark R. Herring, who asserted it had broken the law and towed cars without proper authority or warning — though a judge ultimately ordered the company to pay a mere $750 in civil penalties.

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THE DISTRICT

3 arrested in shooting in the Waterfront area

One killed, four wounded in the incident in a luxury apartment

BY PETER HERMANN

Three men who were among five people shot inside an apartment in Southwest Washington's Waterfront area Tuesday, one of them fatally, have been charged with murder, according to D.C. police.

Authorities did not say whether the three were wounded in an exchange of gunfire or accidentally shot themselves. All three went to hospitals on their own, police said. Their injuries were described as non-life-threatening.

The shooting occurred about 4:20 p.m. inside a fifth-floor unit of Valo Apartments, a luxury residential building with a rooftop pool in a rapidly gentrifying area on M Street SW, on a stretch between the Wharf and Nationals Park.

Police said the five people involved in the shooting knew each other. A police report made public Wednesday lists "drug dealing" as a suspected motive.

Authorities identified the men charged with first-degree murder while armed as Southeast Washington residents Keshawn Lavender, 22; Deandre Sams, 27; and Raymond Mathis, 36. Police said they remained hospitalized Wednesday and have not made initial court appearances. It could not be determined if they have attorneys.

The victim who died was identified as Matthew Anthony Miller, 32, who police said lived in the apartment where the shooting occurred, according to a police report.

Miller's mother, Sandra L. Miller, who lives in Temple Hills, Md., said authorities have not provided her with any information about their investigation. In a brief interview, Miller said her son lived "partly" at the M Street apartment.

"He always had a job," Miller said "He was just a good son."

Police said a fifth man wounded by gunfire, found in the building's lobby, is expected to survive. The police report says a sixth person was injured when he fell off a fifth-floor ledge.

A resident said she heard two rounds of muffled gunshots as she and her roommate entered their fifth-floor apartment while walking their dog. They quickly locked the door behind them. She said they didn't know if there was an active threat or even if the shooting had happened on her floor.

The resident, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear over her safety, said she moved into the building two years ago and just re-signed another lease.

Emily Mooney, director of marketing and communications for Bernstein Management Corporation, which manages the building, described the shooting in a statement as "incredibly unsettling and unfortunate" and noted it was "an isolated and targeted incident."

"We are pained by this horrific incident and understand the unease our residents are experiencing," the statement says, adding the complex has increased security and that managers are making information and surveillance camera footage available to D.C. police.

D.C. Council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), whose district includes the shooting site, said the city must take on gun violence "with greater urgency" at all levels of government. "It's tragic, it's alarming," Allen said. "Gun violence creates the loss of a sense of safety, brings on trauma for an entire community, and the loss of life for the victim."

Homicides in D.C. are up 30 percent over this time last year, according to police statistics. Eight people have been killed in the first five days of September, including a 15-year-old boy shot in Southeast Washington and young women ages 18 and 19 who were among three people shot in Shaw in Northwest.



D.C. POLICE/X

Carlos Heraud, an assistant D.C. police chief, discusses a fatal shooting that took place Tuesday on M Street SW.

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Va. man charged in Jan. 6 insurrection

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toward the officer, grabbed him by the upper back and helped drag him into the crowd. Video allegedly shows that Snoots grabbed Fanone's right hand and pulled his arm, preventing the officer from defending himself while another rioter, Daniel Rodriguez of Fontana, Calif., snatched Fanone's Taser and shocked him repeatedly on the neck.

Fanone subsequently suffered a heart attack and was diagnosed with a concussion, a traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Footage from Fanone's body camera, showing his partner pleading with the unconscious officer to "Stay with me" as Fanone is taken for emergency care, was some of the most powerful imagery from the Jan. 6 attack.

Rodriguez was sentenced to 12½ years in prison and Head received 7½ years. Two others who attacked Fanone, Kyle Young and Thomas Sibick, received sentences of seven and four years, respectively.

Snoots apparently gave an on-camera interview to a YouTube program host on the afternoon of Jan. 6, the affidavit reports, saying, "I'm fed up with it, everybody is fed up with it. They have tear gassed our a-- off of the Capitol steps, but it's not over. What they don't understand is it's just starting." The FBI showed images from the riot and the interview to some of the man's acquaintances, who allegedly confirmed his identity.

Snoots made an initial court appearance Wednesday and was released pending arraignment in Washington. No attorney was listed for Snoots in court records, and Snoots did not respond to a phone message seeking comment.

Four of the five longest sentences for Jan. 6 convictions were handed down in recent days to members of the far-right Proud Boys, with group leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrio receiving a 22-year term, and three of his lieutenants getting sentences of 15 to 18 years.



U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR WASHINGTON

Federal prosecutors say this image shows Lewis Wayne Snoots, circled, and D.C. police officer Michael Fanone during the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. Snoots, of Louisa, Va., is accused of assaulting Fanone.

Court filings offer new details of case against sheriff

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that have fortified around the controversial lawman first elected in 2006.

"I am more than happy to welcome our great sheriff back to his post," said Frederick County Council member Mason Carter (R). "I look forward to working with him to ensure the safety of all our residents."

Jenkins announced his return days before a judge ruled the sheriff would be granted a separate trial from the gun range owner in the federal case as new court filings offered more details into the prosecution and the defenses.

In his 17 years in office, Jenkins has become a central figure in Frederick, known for his flat-top haircut and presence at funerals, carnivals, block parties and resident meetings. He staked out an aggressive stance on detaining undocumented immigrants who are charged with crimes, which made him a national voice on that debate while sharpening opinions of him at home.

Then came April 5, and the news that federal authorities had charged Jenkins and Robert Krop in an alleged conspiracy. They alleged that Jenkins signed five phony letters addressed to Krop that ostensibly sought a demonstration of weapons at Krop's range — the Machine Gun Nest — for specific machine guns that might be purchased by his agency. The models included a belt-fed model authorities said was designed for combat and Jenkins himself admitted was not suitable for law enforcement, according to court filings by prosecutors.

As part of the scheme, prosecutors allege, Krop then provided the letters to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to acquire weapons "that he would otherwise have been prohibited from obtaining." Krop never demonstrated the guns to Jenkins, according to prosecutors, and instead made money renting them out to customers for use at his range.

Both Jenkins and Krop have pleaded not guilty. Their attorneys have launched aggressive defenses asserting the case is overcooked and improper, and asked that their cases be tried separately.

Their recent court filings, along with responses by prosecutors, have filled out new details of a case that, should it be tried, will offer a window into regulations for machine gun purchases and scrutiny of a sheriff whose reelection victories have narrowed in a county growing more blue.

Jenkins first learned of the probe, his attorneys wrote, on May 25, 2022, "when several ATF agents showed up at [Jenkins's] office, and demanded to see the sheriff. They spoke with the sheriff for approximately one hour and left. Unbeknownst to Jenkins, the interview was recorded."

The sheriff's statements to agents, his attorneys say, underscore how he was trying to help them, just as he had been trying to help a small business.

"Any honest assessment of this interview will reflect that Sheriff Jenkins had absolutely nothing to hide and was genuinely surprised by the suggestion that he had done something improper, much less illegal," his attorneys wrote. "Sheriff Jenkins has never denied signing the law letters, but maintains, and will maintain through trial that he never knowingly and willfully entered into any conspiracy; that there was no conspiracy; that he never intended to impede any government functions; and that he never intended to deceive or cheat anyone."

Jenkins's attorneys also asserted that key statutes in the case are too vague and don't have specific deadlines for when demonstrations must take place, and they stressed that Jenkins never saw or possessed the guns.

Trying the men together, wrote attorneys Andrew White and Paul Kemp, would allow prosecutors to "put all seven of these unnecessarily frightening and improperly prejudicial machine guns on a table in front of the jury . . . and any such demonstration of the actual machine guns during [Jenkins's] trial would cause unfair prejudice to Sheriff Jenkins."

Krop's attorney, Dan Cox, alleged that the government targeted Jenkins over his political views and that trying the two men together would unfairly tie Krop to a person against whom the government appears "to have the most significant bias and political vindictiveness," Cox wrote.

Prosecutors argued in court filings that the men should be tried together because they "worked together to produce the false law letters that were submitted to the ATF in order to illegally obtain otherwise prohibited" machine guns.

On Aug. 30, U.S. District Judge Stephanie A. Gallagher ruled for separate trials.

Cox also cast the matter as an attack on gun rights.

"Should the Biden Administration's vindictive prosecution of Mr. Krop and/or Sheriff Jenkins result in shuttering the primary firearms business in Frederick, Md., or the Sheriff's resignation or removal from office, it well knows that a chill over the exercise of Second Amendment rights will be felt," Cox wrote.

Prosecutors have fired back in filings of their own.

"These laws unambiguously prohibit people from making false statements to the federal government that they are genuine expected governmental customers who are genuinely interested in demonstrations," Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christine Goo and P. Michael Cunningham wrote. "They give ordinary people fair notice . . . and are not unconstitutionally vague."

The prosecutors rejected Jenkins's claim of no firm deadlines for machine gun demonstrations: "No reasonable person could construe these laws as allowing a police department to wait years — or nearly a decade — before setting up a demonstration, then deny wanting to have a demonstration when asked about it," they wrote.

The prosecutors also criticized Krop's attorney for "inaccurate factual assertions," "erroneous legal arguments," and "political statements [that] have nothing to do with either the law or the facts in this case."

In a July 24 court filing, Jenkins indicated that he had continued playing an active role in running his office. Jenkins did so in a request that he be allowed to carry a weapon, which would have been an exception to standard conditions often placed on defendants in such cases.

"Sheriff Jenkins continues to work daily, fulfilling his constitutional duty as the elected sheriff of Frederick County," his attorneys wrote. "He does this without his [service] pistol, at great personal risk to himself. Over the course of his tenure as sheriff, Sheriff Jenkins has been the target of several threats of serious injury and death."

Gallagher denied the motion.

> *"Over the period of the recent months, the message from the majority of my constituents is they want me back in the office full time."*
>
> **Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins,**
> in a statement explaining his decision to rescind his leave of absence

Jenkins had announced his leave of absence on April 12, seven days after the indictment.

"Out of respect for the men and women of this agency and not to interfere with the effective operations, I am going to take a leave of absence, effective end of business, Friday, April 14, through the end of this judicial process," he had stated.

On April 13, he conveyed the leave in letter to Fitzwater, the county executive. "For an undetermined period of time, I will be exercising a leave of absence," Jenkins wrote, identifying a top commander who "will assume the command of day-to-day operations of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and will perform the duties of the sheriff."

Last week, in explaining his decision to rescind his leave, Jenkins issued a statement highlighting the "undetermined" period of time he had communicated to Fitzwater.

"I feel that now is an appropriate time for me to come back," he wrote, adding that "in fact I have already been serving in a number of capacities attending executive level meetings and public events, and routinely conducting business from within the office."

"Over the period of the recent months," he added, "the message from the majority of my constituents is they want me back in the office full time."

Two Frederick County Council members agreed — Carter and Steve McKay.

"I think this is a dubious charge and, therefore, I support the sheriff's decision to resume his full duties," said McKay (R).

Three council members declined to comment or couldn't be reached. The two others strongly questioned the move.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer said that in originally taking his leave, the sheriff "seemed he was acknowledging his full understanding of the serious nature of the charges against him." She said that if something had changed, Jenkins should share that information.

"Otherwise," said Keegan-Ayer (D), "the ending of his leave of absence before the case has been decided, or even gone to trial, is inconsistent with the standards to which he holds those who work for him and in my opinion is premature."

Kavonté Duckett (D), the council vice president, said he too was heartened by Jenkins's initial decision. But the sheriff remained active in his duties, Duckett said, and his official return has made it that much worse. "There is so much chatter around him now that it makes things difficult," Duckett said.

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DEATH NOTICE

BROWN

GERALDINE BROWN

Members of Mattie R. Griffin Chapter #16 OES-PHA are notified of the passing of our member on Thursday August 24, 2023. Funeral Friday September 8, 2023, Viewing 10 a.m., and Service 11 a.m. at United Church of Christ - Plymouth Congregational Church, 5301 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011.

Taneya Brown, WM
Norman Nixon, WP
Lorena Royster, Secretary

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DEATH NOTICE

BRADER



FREDERICK O. BRADER

Frederick O. Brader, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away peacefully and surrounded by family in his home on August 30, 2023. He was 95 years old.

Frederick was born in Allentown, PA on January 7, 1928, where he met and married his bride of 72 years, Gloria June Brader. Together they relocated to Washington, DC where he embarked on his 28 yr. career with the CIA. They ultimately retired in Fredericksburg to be close to their five children. His family and close friends were always entertained by his love of all sports, great music and his fantastic wit. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Gloria June Brader; five children, Deborah Gill (Tom Archer), Kim Cadwell (Bob), Scott Brader, Patrice Spellman (Ken) and Stacey Ashman; six grandchildren, Michelle Caples (Dave), Nicholas Flint, Jeremy Brader (deceased), Jennifer Brader, Hayden Ashman, Ryan Ashman and Ian Ashman; two great grandchildren Averi Walton and Evan Caples. Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Special Olympics.

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KURKJIAN



MATTHEW BARNES KURKJIAN

Matthew Barnes Kurkjian, beloved son of Jeff and Joy Kurkjian, died of ALS at his home in Darnestown, MD on September 4, 2023. He was 67. He is survived by his son, Michael (Jessica Holzberg), his daughter, Lane; his partner, Katherine; his brothers, Andy (Terri) and Tim (Kathy), and many nieces and nephews. Matt was born and raised in Bethesda, MD. He lived the last 35 years in Darnestown. Matt taught mathematics and coached baseball at Good Counsel and Pallotti High School before becoming the IT director for the Amalgamated Transit Union. He and Andy played baseball at Catholic University, they are in the school's athletic Hall of Fame. In July, CU baseball coach Ross Natoli established an annual award in Matt's name: The Ultimate Teammate Award. A banner with Matt's uniform No. 2 will hang forever on the outfield fence at CU's home ballpark. Matt leaves a legacy of care, concern, and kindness to all. A small funeral for immediate family only will be held shortly. A celebration of Matt's remarkable life will take place at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Project Mainstreet (www.projectmainst.org) to help provide direct financial assistance to people and families living with ALS.

SAVAGE



BARBARA BALL SAVAGE
November 9, 1927-September 3, 2023

Born on election eve the very night her father, Frank L. Ball, was elected State Senator for Arlington County, Barbara Ball Savage brought joy to the lives of family and friends from the very beginning. She was the "surprise baby", 11 years younger than her closest siblings, and grew up in the historic Glebe House. She loved ice skating, horseback riding, climbing trees, and sledding down 17th ST N. with all the neighborhood children. Franklin Roosevelt was her President; Mt. Olivet was her Church; W & L was her school. In high school, she participated on the Debate Team (never recovered from losing the State Championship), loved political discussions, was Captain of the Cheerleaders, and voted "Most Popular" her senior year. Her mother, Marie Shreve Ball, imbued in her a love for gardening and volunteering in the community. Her adored father gave her a love of history, an optimisic outlook and a deep faith. She met her husband, a GI from New Jersey, Walter "Doc" Savage, when both were attending GW University in the Fall of 1946. O⊠ering him a piece of candy the first day in class, she always insisted she fell in love at first sight, demonstrating a keen judgement of character that never left her. In Doc, she found a kind, good man who shared her values of faith, loyalty, good humor and compassion. They married in October 1951, and immediately left for California as Doc pursued his career in the FBI. They made lifelong friends in California and in time raised two daughters, Corinne and Robin Savage. But Virginia was always home, and Barbara was overjoyed to return to family and friends when Doc's transfer papers brought them back East.

Here she settled in Vienna, VA, a busy housewife, mother, volunteer, and committed member of Epiphany Methodist Church, PEO Women's Philanthropy, and Stonewall Manor Garden Club. Barbara enjoyed people and loved entertaining in her home. For twenty years, she organized Garden Tours for busloads of Garden Club members to tour Virginia during Historic Virginia Garden Week. A proud Democrat, she loved and worked for justice in the world, volunteering as an Octogenarian for Obama; preparing and serving meals to Shelters; devoting herself to Missions through her Church; donating time and money but most of all her interest and compassion to anyone in need. She had the habit of knowing when someone had lost confidence, or felt alone in the world, or was su⊠ering—and she knew the words to say and the quiet, a⊠rming actions that were required to help shore up and support. She and Doc celebrated 50 years of marriage before he fell ill; and she faithfully cared for him until his death. Twenty years a widow, she worked through loneliness and grief by caring for others, or putting up pickles and jam, or creating Christmas wreaths for the Church Bazaar. Though ill health troubled her last years, she was determined to stay in her home—and was charming and tricky enough that she could make anyone believe she had many more years to live.

It was a surprise, then, when her mighty heart gave out—she had hosted an ice cream social for friends just the week before she died. To the end, she was curious, fun, always interested in others, always seeking connection. She was deeply loved.

A viewing will be held at Money & King Funeral Home,171 West Maple Ave., Vienna, VA from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 10, and a Memorial Service at Hope Church (formerly Epiphany Methodist), at 1014 Country Club Dr. in Vienna, VA at 11:30 a.m. Monday, September 11. Interment was private at Columbia Gardens Cemetery.

The online guestbook is available at
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DEATH NOTICE

CRONIN

DOROTHY ANN CRONIN

Dorothy Ann Cronin of Gambrills, Maryland passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2023. Born in Windber, PA to Andrew Yourich and Caroline (Winas) Yourich. Dorothy was the loving wife to her predeceased husband Daniel P. Cronin; the father of Daniel A. Cronin and James M. Cronin and his wife Kerri; sister of Helen Yourich, Andrew Yourich, Theresa Kiss and the late Michael Yourich; and grandmother of Brynn Cronin. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023, at Robert E. Evans Funeral Home, 16000 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Our Lady of the Fields Roman Catholic Church, Millersville, MD 21108. Dorothy will join her husband at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Crownsville Veteran Cemetery, 1122 Sunrise Beach Road.

DEAL

RONALD JAMES DEAL

Ronald James Deal, 72, of Miami, FL, passed away on August 18, 2023. Fun-loving, curious, and intelligent to the end, Ron is survived by his wife Kelly, their son Kerry, his brother Robert and sister Patricia.

Ronald was born on June 30, 1951 and spent his early days in Venezuela, before attending Portsmouth Abbey School and later St. John's College, Annapolis, where he met his beautiful wife Kelly.

In his career, Ron was a legendary oil trader, from his days at Gulf Oil and Bear Stearns, to his later career at Latium Capital.

He had a passion for travel, reading, and enjoying a good cocktail, but more than anything Ron loved spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Gesu Church in Miami on September 7, 2023, at 2 p.m. to honor Ronald's life. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Ron's name.

GREENBERG

NATALIE HOLLY GREENBERG

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, NATALIE HOLLY GREENBERG of Washington, DC. Cherished daughter of Steven and Nadine Freeman Greenberg. Beloved longtime partner of Matthew Levin. Devoted mother of Juliet Levin. Dear sister of Joseph (Jennifer) Greenberg, Judi (Dr. Harold) Lenett, Daniel Greenberg and Elyse Epstein. Loving aunt of Henry, Hannah, Deborah, Matthew (Ilana), Maxwell, Samantha and Daniella. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, 12 noon at TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 254 Carroll St., NW, Washington, DC, 202-541-1001. After the service, the family will be receiving relatives and friends at the family home. Memorial contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood, https://www.plannedparenthood.org or to Petey and Furends, https://www.peteyandfurends.org.

HIGGINS



PAUL E. HIGGINS DDS

Unexpectedly on August 9, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Ann W. Higgins; cherished father of Todd Higgins (Karen), Tim Higgins (Jamie), Tracey Witthaus (Richard), Tenley Jablinske (Michael); awesome "Papa" to Brendan (Haley), Trevor, Colin, Paul, Madelyn, Connor, Sierra, Liam and Eoin. He is also remembered fondly by his extended family, friends and patients. Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment private. Contributions in his honor can be made to SmileTrain.org. Arrangements by Rapp Funeral and Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at https://rappfuneral.com.

DEATH NOTICE

LOMBARD

JAMES H. LOMBARD (Age 69)

On Friday, August 25, 2023 of Beltsville, MD, after a brief battle with cancer. James is survived by his wife, Sharon Gardiner, his sister, Janet (Mark) Cullison and a host of other relatives, pets and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date, to be announced.

RAYMOND

GEORGE C. RAYMOND

It is with sadness that George C Raymond died at age 75 on August 27, 2023. He was preceded by his wife Bonnie Raymond and his parents Henry M. Raymond and Ann W. Raymond. George served in the US Navy with distinction. George and Bonnie had a very loving marriage that lasted for decades. George is survived by 3three brothers: Henry Marston Raymond Jr., James Patrick Raymond and John Edward Raymond. His ashes will be interned at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery County, MD. Our prayers go with him.



DEATH NOTICE

SMITH



BERTIE ANNA SMITH

On Sunday, August 27, 2023, beloved mother of Mary Smith, Donna Smith-Tobias, Karen (Angela) Smith, William (Yanira) Smith, Sr., Charlotte (Eric, Sr.) Timmons, two adopted daughters, three sisters, one brother, one brother-in-law, one sister in-law, 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. The family will receive guests on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at Armed Forces Retirement Home—Stanley Chapel, 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington, DC 20011. Interment Maryland National Cemetery. Arrangements by Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home.

TRAPANI

BETTY LEE TRAPANI
Loving wife and mother

Betty Lee Trapani, 98, loving wife and mother, passed away on August 30, 2023, surrounded by family. Predeceased by her husband, Victor, of 64 years; Father James Franklin Chisholm; Stepfather William Leroy Burley Mother Mildred Francis.

Betty spent much of her time engaged in family-oriented activities was on a bowling league, worked in a beauty salon, and managed a children's clothing store.

Survivors include her brother, Richard; her children: Victor, Jr. (Jeanne) and Nancy Rebar; Grandchildren Jennifer Hooks (Derek), Stephen (Lisa), Donald Rebar; Great grandchildren William, Michalla, Caitlyn, Patrick, and Michael.

A visitation for Betty will be held Friday, September 8, 2023 from 11 a.m. at National Funeral Home, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042, followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NationalFH-MP.com for the Trapani family.

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DAVIS



LILLIAN RIFKIN DAVIS

Lillian Rifkin Davis, of Baltimore, MD, passed away on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at the age of 96. She is survived by her devoted children, Hirsch (Teresa) Davis, Marsha (Shmuel) Benshir, Risa (Steve) Kramer; adoring grandchildren, Jacob (Lori) Kotlicky, Rebecca (Jonathan) Porges, Isaac (Courtney) Kotlicky, Sara (Moshe) Shamouilian, Avi (Alison) Kotlicky, Helen (Jason) Kramer, Abriel Kramer and Frances Kramer; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Morton Davis; loving sisters, Ruth (Bernard) Soroka and Selma (Philip) Berger; and devoted parents Fannie and Jake Rifkin.

Lillian served as the Assistant Principal of Ivymount School, President of MANSEF, President of the Board of Jewish Education, and was a member of Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County and she received many awards.

Services at Sol Levinson's Chapel, 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208, on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 12 p.m. Interment Hebrew Friendship Cemetery, 3600 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. Please omit flowers. Contributions in her memory may be sent to, The Maryland Science Center, 601 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230; Magan David Adom, 20 West 36th Street, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10018; Friends of the IDF, PO Box 4224, New York, NY 10163; Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Road, Rockville, MD 20854. The family will be in mourning at the home of Risa and Steve Kramer, Thursday - After interment until 9 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m., and Sunday - From 12 to 3 p.m., and from 4 to 8 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m.

Additional Shiva Locations and times: Friday Only - at Vantage House, 5400 Vantage Point Rd, Columbia, MD 21044, from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday only - at Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation of Olney, 18320 Georgia Ave, Olney, MD 20832. Please check the Sol Levinson website for updated shiva times.

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GENZER



COLLEEN STEWART GENZER (Age 67)

Colleen Stewart Genzer of Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was 67. She fought valiantly against multiple myeloma and kidney failure until the end. She was born to Jack and Elsie Stewart (who predeceased her) in Wisconsin. Colleen grew up in Cudahy, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She remained a Green Bay Packers fan all her life. She taught for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer on the Island of Yap, in Micronesia, where she met her husband, Jeff. In 1980, Colleen and Jeff settled in Maryland. Colleen worked at the law firm of Kass and Skalet for several years then left to raise her four wonderful children. She is survived by her husband (Jeff) of 41 years; her daughters Sarah and Melissa; and sons Ben (Lizzie) and Mark (Kara). She has three loving grandchildren, Charlotte, Isabelle and Louis. She is also survived by her seven siblings, Dan (Diane), Patty (Ron), Bill (Amy), Bob (Julie), Jackie (Tim), Chris (Jeanne), Andy and many loving nieces and nephews.

Colleen will be fondly remembered forever as the rock of the family, a loving wife and parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt and friend. She was the consummate organizer and planned all family and friends' activities and travel for decades. She was taken from us far too soon.

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, a memorial service will begin at 12 p.m. noon, with visitation to be held starting at 10 a.m. at the Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home (11800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904). A luncheon will follow the memorial service.

Donations can be made in Colleen's honor to the Cudahy Family Library Endowment Fund in Colleen's hometown of Cudahy, Wisconsin at: https://countycat.mcfls.org/screens/donate.html

DEATH NOTICE

HORTON



CLYDE HORTON JR.
(Age 73)

On August 31, 2023. Beloved husband of Marian and father of Marcia White and Benjamin Horton (Elizabeth).

Family will receive friends on Saturday, September 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Kentlands Club House, 485 Tschiffely Square Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. Celebration of life is scheduled for a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute or Casey House/Montgomery Hospice.

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SMITH



MARTHA NADINE SMITH

Martha Nadine Smith passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023, in Bristol, Tennessee, daughter of Paul Willard Smith and Lola (Nash). Nadine was a long-time resident of Arlington, VA. She attended Westover Baptist Church and was a lifelong Redskin fan. Nadine retired after 35 years from the Department of Defense and worked for many years at the Pentagon. Nadine will be missed by her identical twin, Adine. Funeral services for Martha Nadine Smith will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2023 at the Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel in Wise, VA. Please visit www.sturgillfuneral.com to leave online condolences for the family.

Sturgill Funeral Home, 1621 Norton Road SW, Wise, VA 24293 is in charge of arrangements.

WRIGHT



BENJAMIN WRIGHT "Ben"
MSGT, USAF (RET.)

Ben departed this life on August 26, 2023. He was born to the late Will Wright and Leilia Mayfield on February 1, 1943, in Greenwood, MS. He leaves to celebrate and honor his life one child, a grandchild, a great-grandchild, and one sister and brother. A private graveside ceremony will be held at a later date in Greenwood, MS.

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3" - $505
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5" - $700

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4" - $785
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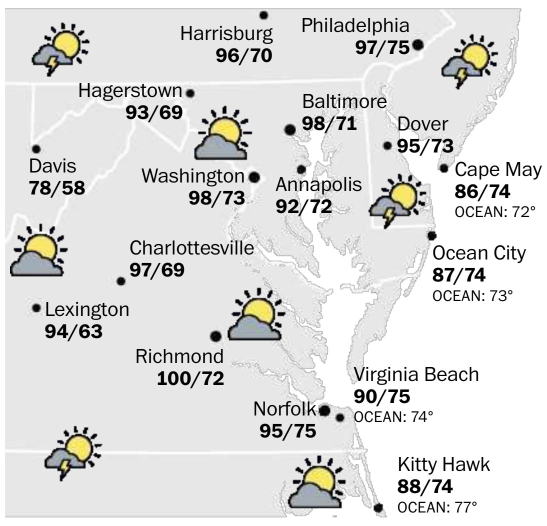
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90s continue to reign

Mostly to partly sunny throughout the day. Temperatures should be a notch lower than they were on Wednesday, but don't be shocked if it's inconsequential. Highs mainly in the mid- and upper 90s once more, although the heat index could hit 100. Scattered late-day showers or storms are possible, especially in the western parts of the area. Winds are out of the south and southwest about 10 mph.

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
T-storm	T-storms	T-storm	T-storms	Partly sunny	Showers
98° 73°	94° 70°	85° 70°	81° 67°	85° 68°	86° 69°
FEELS*: **102°**	FEELS: **101°**	FEELS: **93°**	FEELS: **85°**	FEELS: **89°**	FEELS: **90°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **40%**	P: **80%**	P: **90%**	P: **95%**	P: **25%**	P: **55%**
WIND: **SW 6-12 mph**	W: **WSW 4-8 mph**	W: **SE 4-8 mph**	W: **S 4-8 mph**	W: **NW 4-8 mph**	W: **SE 3-6 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Very High**	H: **Very High**	H: **Very High**	H: **Very High**	H: **High**	H: **High**

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass Moderate
Trees Low
Weeds High
Mold Moderate

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: High
7 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny, a heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon. Hot, humid in northern parts; humid in southern parts. High 75 to 79. Winds southwest 4–8 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots. Low 60 to 64. Winds north 4–8 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny, humid; very warm. High 87 to 95. Winds south 7–14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 72 to 76. Winds south 6–12 mph. Friday, partly sunny. High 83 to 90. Winds south 7–14 mph. Saturday, a thunderstorm in spots.

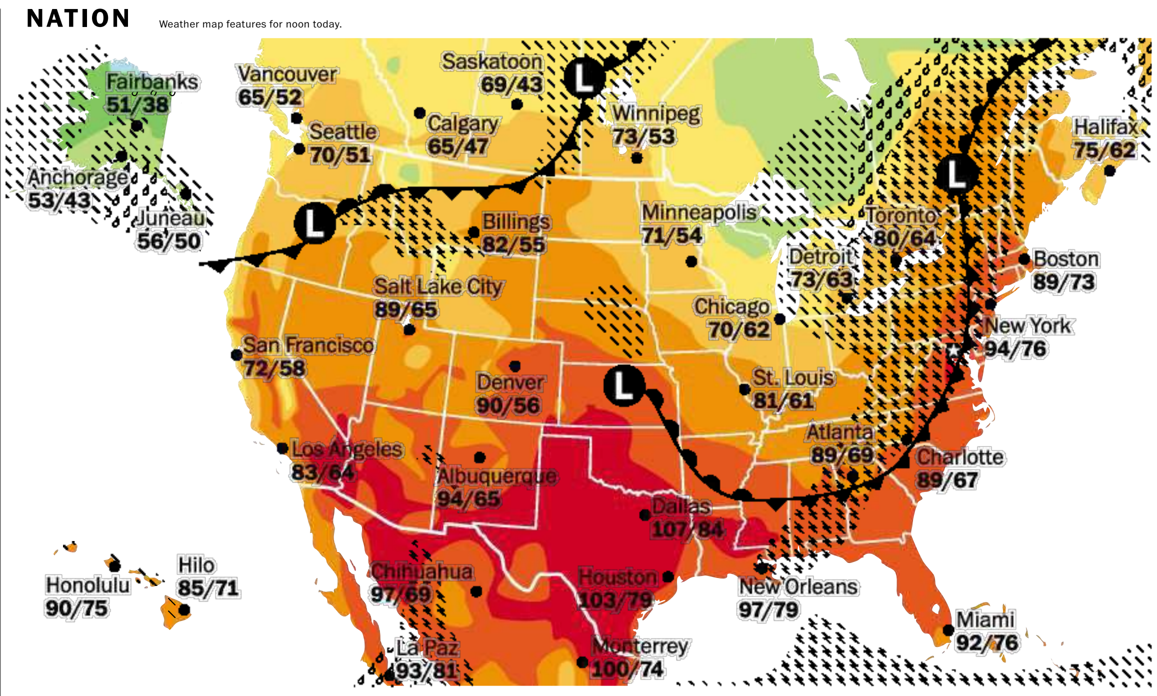
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny, a thunderstorm around in the afternoon. Wind south 4–8 knots. Waves 0–1 foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind southeast 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.40 feet today, with no change of 2.40 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**2:21 a.m.**	9:48 a.m.	**3:03 p.m.**	9:34 p.m.
Annapolis	**12:13 a.m.**	6:35 a.m.	**11:21 a.m.**	5:51 p.m.
Ocean City	**1:43 a.m.**	7:54 a.m.	**2:27 p.m.**	9:13 p.m.
Norfolk	**3:50 a.m.**	9:55 a.m.	**4:30 p.m.**	11:20 p.m.
Point Lookout	2:59 a.m.	**7:43 a.m.**	1:37 p.m.	**8:56 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front

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Yesterday's National
High: Mesquite, TX **108°**
Low: Crested Butte, CO **30°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Ahwaz, Iran **121°**
Low: Oymyakon, Russia **17°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	92/68/t	85/69/t
Albuquerque	94/65/s	93/66/s
Anchorage	53/43/sh	55/47/c
Atlanta	89/69/t	89/69/s
Austin	105/76/s	105/74/s
Baltimore	98/71/pc	95/71/t
Billings, MT	82/55/pc	77/54/pc
Birmingham	91/65/t	88/63/s
Bismarck, ND	77/54/s	77/58/s
Boise	87/59/s	88/57/pc
Boston	89/73/pc	86/71/pc
Buffalo	78/66/t	75/62/t
Burlington, VT	89/71/t	84/69/t
Charleston, SC	94/73/pc	88/74/t
Charleston, WV	81/63/pc	81/64/pc
Charlotte	89/67/t	87/66/t
Cheyenne, WY	83/52/s	82/55/s
Chicago	70/62/pc	73/60/pc
Cincinnati	77/63/pc	77/61/pc
Cleveland	78/65/t	72/62/t
Dallas	107/84/s	109/80/s
Denver	90/56/s	91/60/s
Des Moines	79/58/s	83/56/s
Detroit	73/63/t	69/60/c
El Paso	103/74/s	101/75/s
Fairbanks, AK	51/38/c	58/47/c
Fargo, ND	74/54/s	77/59/s
Hartford, CT	98/71/t	88/71/t
Honolulu	90/75/pc	89/75/pc
Houston	103/79/s	104/78/s
Indianapolis	74/60/s	73/60/c
Jackson, MS	99/67/t	96/67/t
Jacksonville, FL	95/71/s	88/68/t
Kansas City, MO	86/60/s	84/59/s
Las Vegas	98/73/pc	100/76/s
Little Rock	95/70/c	89/66/t
Los Angeles	83/64/pc	89/67/s
Louisville	81/67/pc	79/64/pc
Memphis	90/67/pc	87/65/pc
Miami	92/76/s	93/78/s
Milwaukee	69/59/pc	68/59/c
Minneapolis	71/54/pc	78/59/s
Nashville	85/63/pc	83/64/s
New Orleans	97/79/t	96/78/pc
New York City	94/76/pc	87/74/t
Norfolk	95/75/pc	90/73/pc
Oklahoma City	100/72/s	98/68/pc
Omaha	83/59/s	86/58/s
Orlando	95/76/s	89/72/t
Philadelphia	97/75/pc	92/73/t
Phoenix	108/83/s	110/83/s
Pittsburgh	79/64/t	79/62/t
Portland, ME	87/67/t	84/69/c
Portland, OR	76/55/s	79/57/s
Providence, RI	92/70/pc	86/71/pc
Raleigh, NC	97/69/pc	93/70/t
Reno, NV	85/54/s	85/54/s
Richmond	100/72/t	94/70/t
Sacramento	89/58/s	89/58/s
St. Louis	81/61/s	79/60/s
St. Thomas, VI	89/83/t	89/81/sh
Salt Lake City	89/65/s	91/63/s
San Diego	75/66/pc	78/67/pc
San Francisco	72/58/pc	74/57/pc
San Juan, PR	91/80/t	90/80/t
Seattle	70/51/pc	73/53/s
Spokane, WA	73/54/s	75/54/pc
Syracuse	87/68/t	81/67/t
Tampa	92/78/t	88/75/t
Wichita	97/68/s	95/64/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	68/52/sh	69/52/r
Amsterdam	85/61/s	84/62/s
Athens	82/73/pc	83/73/c
Auckland	62/48/sh	63/50/s
Baghdad	111/82/pc	108/89/pc
Bangkok	93/80/t	90/79/t
Beijing	90/73/pc	86/70/sh
Berlin	84/58/s	84/57/s
Bogota	67/48/c	68/49/r
Brussels	85/62/s	87/64/s
Buenos Aires	60/48/r	64/50/pc
Cairo	104/85/s	104/78/s
Caracas	79/67/t	78/67/sh
Copenhagen	73/59/pc	76/62/s
Dakar	88/81/pc	86/79/t
Dublin	75/60/t	76/61/pc
Edinburgh	70/55/pc	75/58/pc
Frankfurt	86/60/s	86/56/s
Geneva	87/62/s	88/62/s
Ham., Bermuda	84/76/s	84/80/t
Helsinki	66/54/pc	70/55/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	89/76/r	91/77/t
Hong Kong	86/79/t	83/79/t
Islamabad	98/74/s	98/75/s
Istanbul	87/74/pc	86/70/s
Jerusalem	92/75/s	96/80/s
Johannesburg	79/49/s	83/55/pc
Kabul	88/64/s	90/60/s
Kingston, Jam.	93/79/pc	93/80/t
Kolkata	86/78/t	86/79/t
Kyiv	74/51/s	73/54/c
Lagos	85/76/t	83/75/t
Lima	71/64/pc	72/64/pc
Lisbon	80/67/pc	78/67/sh
London	88/64/s	88/65/pc
Madrid	84/66/c	87/65/s
Manila	89/79/pc	90/79/t
Mexico City	76/55/sh	78/55/pc
Montreal	85/69/t	80/65/t
Moscow	61/48/pc	55/42/c
Mumbai	85/81/sh	84/81/sh
Nairobi	79/60/t	72/60/r
New Delhi	97/80/pc	97/81/pc
Oslo	70/58/c	72/58/c
Ottawa	82/65/t	77/59/t
Paris	91/65/s	94/66/s
Prague	82/54/s	82/53/s
Rio de Janeiro	75/67/sh	82/69/pc
Riyadh	112/82/pc	111/84/pc
Rome	87/64/s	87/64/s
San Salvador	86/69/t	84/68/t
Santiago	62/44/pc	64/50/pc
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Seoul	89/67/s	87/68/s
Shanghai	88/73/pc	88/72/pc
Singapore	87/80/c	87/79/t
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Taipei City	85/76/t	82/71/r
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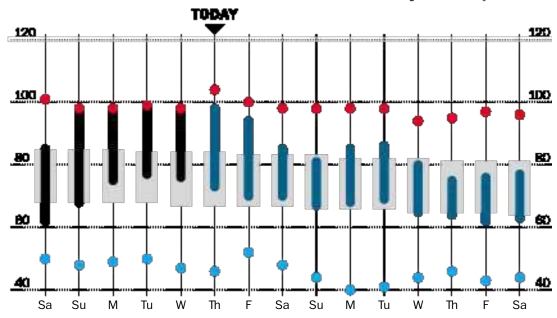
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Temperatures

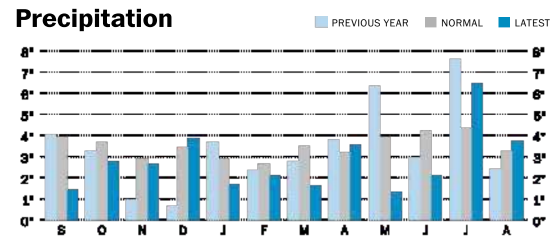


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**98°** 3:50 p.m.	**99°** 3:00 p.m.	**100°** 2:22 p.m.
Low	**76°** 5:00 a.m.	**69°** 7:00 a.m.	**73°** 5:00 a.m.
Normal	84°/67°	83°/61°	83°/62°
Record high	98° 2023	99° 2023	100° 2023
Record low	47° 1909	45° 1972	46° 1962

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+5.2°** yr. to date: **+1.9°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Normal	0.76"	0.73"	0.83"
Total this year	22.49"	19.22"	24.90"
Normal	28.67"	29.95"	30.61"

Moon Phases

Sep 14	Sep 22	Sep 29	Oct 6
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:42 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Moon	none	3:19 p.m.
Venus	4:16 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
Mars	8:34 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Jupiter	10:03 p.m.	11:51 a.m.
Saturn	7:03 p.m.	5:50 a.m.

THE DISTRICT

97 neighborhood representatives call for more oversight of city's 911 center

BY EMILY DAVIES AND OLIVIA DIAZ

Nearly 100 neighborhood representatives in D.C. signed a letter sent to city leaders Tuesday decrying the operations at the city's 911 center and calling for more transparency.

"These chronic problems have diminished residents' faith in our city's emergency response system, and in your ability, as city leaders, to resolve them," the letter said.

The letter — signed by 97 current Advisory Neighborhood Commission members and seven former representatives — was addressed to D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D), Office of Unified Communications Director Heather McGaffin, D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) and other council members.

It calls for the council to hold an Office of Unified Communications oversight hearing with the city's auditor and launch an independent task force "charged with examining chronic and systemic problems at OUC and issuing recommendations to address them." It also asks the agency to publicly report daily staffing statistics, including the number of call-takers and dispatchers working each shift and the number of employee call-outs, and release 911 call recordings and transcripts upon request.

Spokespeople for Bowser, McGaffin and Mendelson did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday evening.

Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2), the chair of the council's public safety and judiciary committee, said she agreed that "improvements are needed" at the 911 center and would consider the letter's demands.

"I take very seriously any time that our community is calling for change, and I think it is very indicative that so many ANC commissioners have signed on to this letter," Pinto said.

The Office of Unified Communications has long faced criticism for failing to dispatch first responders quickly to the correct addresses and for failing to relay accurate information to emergency responders in the field. Dave Statter, a retired WUSA reporter who closely tracks emergency dispatches, has repeatedly uncovered and reported failings by the agency. Family members of people who died in cases in which mistakes at the 911 center delayed emergency response have been similarly outspoken. Criticism of the agency intensified last month, when emergency responders did not arrive at a flooding dog day care for 23 minutes and 10 dogs drowned in their kennels.

Pinto said she plans to hold a hearing in October on legislation meant to require more transparency at the Office of Unified Communications, and she will use that to conduct more broad oversight of the agency. She said she "would welcome the auditor to testify."

Pinto also said she "remains open-minded" about the independent task force but is wary of "adding another layer of bureaucracy with trying to seek improvements."

The city passed a bill as emergency legislation this summer that required the Office of Unified Communications to post data on the number of call-taker and dispatcher errors and their causes by the end of August. As of early Tuesday evening, the agency had yet to post the required information.

"The council can pass laws; the executive needs to follow the law as written," Pinto said. "That's really important with OUC and the emergency bill. We need to see this data."

THERESA VARGAS

Victim just 'needed a bed. That's all.'

VARGAS FROM B1

trespassing and died after collapsing two weeks later at the Arlington County Detention Facility.

"I didn't know her, but I can relate to her," Wells, who is 70, told me. "My sympathies are with anyone who has to go through that. No one would choose to live that way voluntarily if they had a better options or better opportunities."

Much remains unknown about Woldegeorges. Her relatives have not yet spoken publicly about her, and her cause of death has not yet been announced.

But even without a clear picture of her life, this much is known: She shouldn't have died in jail.

Woldegeorges's death shows what happens when places choose to criminalize homelessness and mental illness rather than invest in ways to assist people who are experiencing a crisis.

"Someone at her age just needed help," Arlington Chief Public Defender Brad Haywood, whose office represented Woldegeorges, told me on a recent afternoon. "She wasn't hurting anybody. She needed a bed. That's all she needed. She needed a freaking bed. And she died in a cage. It's just horrible."

He said when he told his staff about her death, a mitigation specialist noted she had recently seen Woldegeorges: "Her reaction was that she was the nicest, sweetest woman."

In an article about the death, my colleague Olivia Diaz detailed what happened after Woldegeorges was arrested at the airport. "Woldegeorges was granted a personal recognizance bond Aug. 23, which means she could have left Arlington's jail without paying anything, provided there was no other legal reason to keep her. But authorities said she was held so she could be transported to Loudoun County over her alleged failure to appear at the July 19 hearing," reads that article. That hearing was related to a trespassing charge at Washington Dulles International Airport. At least twice before that, Woldegeorges had been convicted of charges related to her spending time at the airport. One of those times, authorities found her lying under a blanket in the terminal.

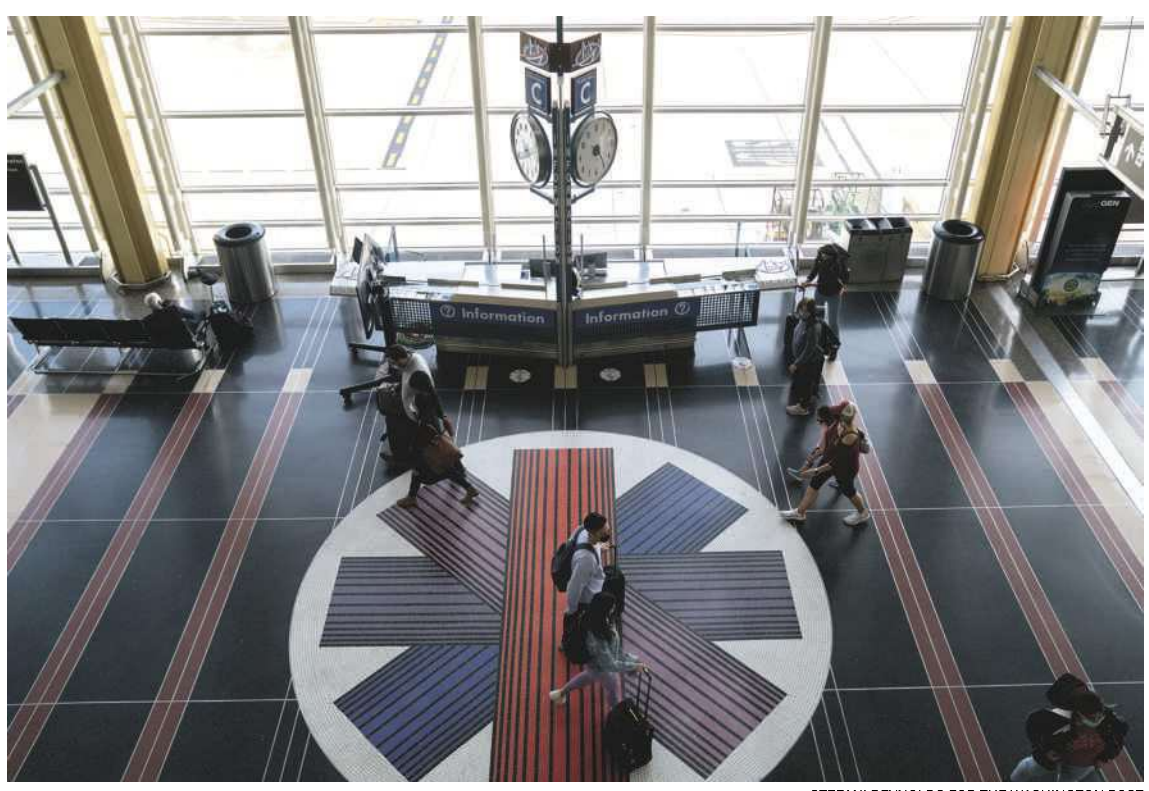
Woldegeorges was still waiting to be taken to Loudoun County on Aug. 27, when she was found unresponsive in her cell at about 7 a.m. and taken to a hospital.

On its own, Woldegeorges's death while in custody raises questions. But in the context of what has happened to other people who have experienced mental health and housing crises in the county, it should also raise alarms.

Woldegeorges was the eighth person to die while in custody of the jail in as many years. Five of the eight people who died, ArlNow reported, were homeless. And all eight deaths were experienced by people of color, Michael Hemminger, president of the NAACP Arlington Branch, noted in a statement that described the deaths as occurring at an "alarming rate."

How Woldegeorges ended up collapsing in that cell warrants scrutiny. But we also owe it to her and to ourselves to look beyond that cell and figure out what could have kept her from ending up there in the first place.

"At every point at which this tragedy could have been prevented, there is a program or there is a department or a hospital or an agency that is underfunded and under-resourced," Haywood said. The way a community spends its money speaks to its values, and right now, he said, the county is not spending "enough on this massive crisis we currently have."



STEFANI REYNOLDS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Travelers walk through Reagan National Airport in Arlington in 2021. Abonesh Woldegeorges, 73, died in the county jail after being arrested at the airport last month and charged with trespassing.

He described the county's criminal legal system as being used to keep people with mental illnesses out of view. As proof, he noted that more than half of the inmates at the jail are taking medication for serious mental illnesses and that the county sends more people to Western State Hospital to be evaluated for competency than any other criminal court in the state.

"It's an entire system that is broken right now," Haywood said. "And we have to come to grips with that, and we have to do something about it."

We have to do something about it because even if we don't know much about Woldegeorges's life, we know enough about her death.

We have to do something about it because we know that people are currently sleeping in our airports and that others might later find themselves there.

"A lot of people are maybe a paycheck away from being in that situation," Wells, who is now retired and no longer spends time at the airport, told me. "People should care about what happened to Woldegeorges, he said. "They should care because it could be them out there."

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PHOTOS BY PAT NAOUM GAMES

In a hand-painted game, the beauty's in the eye

Pat Naoum spent seven years creating 'The Master's Pupil,' in which players navigate the inside of an iris



Pat Naoum worked for more than 2,000 hours on hand-painting every visual asset in "The Master's Pupil," which gained traction on social media. The game's title refers to the pupil of impressionist painter Claude Monet, as well as Naoum himself, a pupil of the French artist's work.

BY GENE PARK

Michelangelo spent four years to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Pat Naoum took the past seven to paint a video game — but instead of mastering fresco, he learned how to code.

At 27 years old, Naoum was the child of Egyptian immigrants in Australia and a film school graduate still figuring out how to express himself. But he knew two things: He really wanted to make a video game, and he knew how to paint. This year, at age 34, Naoum finally released the project of his lifetime, a game called "The Master's Pupil," a product of more than 2,000 hours of hand-painting every visual asset in the game.

In the game, players lead a small sprite through landscapes of brushstrokes to solve physics- and color-based puzzles. The player navigates the inside of an iris while discovering the masterworks of impressionist painter Claude Monet.

It's not unusual to see video games created by

SEE VIDEO GAME ON C8

Buffett wasn't at Telluride screening, but his spirit certainly was

BY JADA YUAN

TELLURIDE, COLO. — Up until two weeks ago, Jimmy Buffett had plans to spend Labor Day weekend at the Telluride Film Festival, wandering this mountain town with his old friend and brother-in-law, acclaimed writer Tom McGuane, rollin' with the punches, playin' all his hunches and regaling audiences at Q&As for director Scott Ballew's 34-minute documentary about their chaotic, glorious, drug-fueled hippie-artist group of comrades in Key West in the 1970s.

Even the lead-up to the weekend had tinges of that irrepressible Buffett glee. He'd been beyond excited to learn that the festival would be screening the short film, "All That Is Sacred," which features Buffett, McGuane, Carl Hiaasen and their late friends, novelist Richard Brautigan, artist Russell Chatham, outdoorsman-writer Guy de la Valdène and "Legends of the Fall" author Jim Harrison.

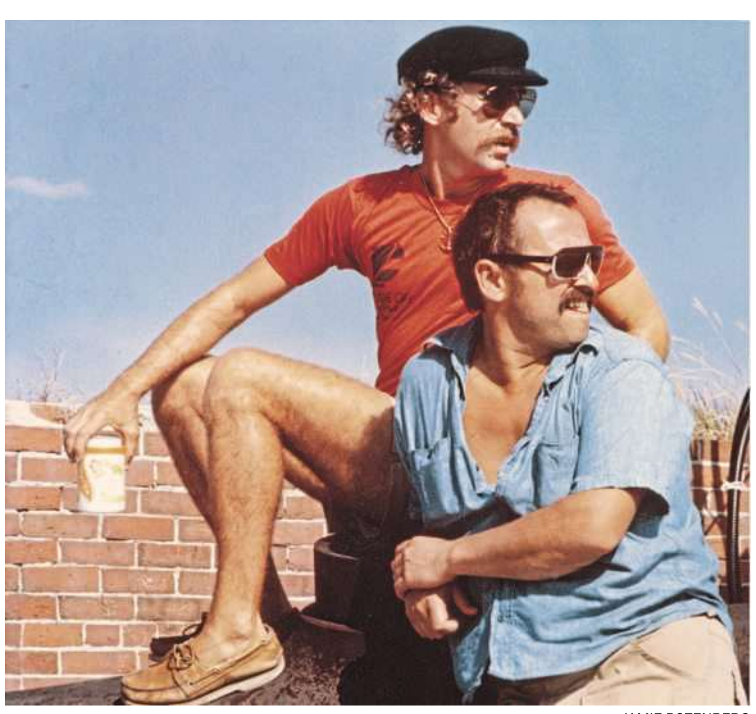
Festival programmers had paired it as a double feature with an obscure, stoned-out, cinéma vérité fishing film, "Tarpon," which provides much of the archival footage woven throughout "ATIS." Back in 1972, De la Valdène and another French filmmaker, Christian Odasso, had followed the friends as they chased gigantic, elusive tarpon around the shallow Florida flats. When they weren't fishing, they were creating a gonzo artists destination on the lawless southern tip of the United States — doing plenty of cocaine and acid, but also wildly ambitious about being great writers and putting their mark on the world.

McGuane was about to break big with his third novel, 1973's "Ninety-two in the Shade," which was nominated for a National Book Award and was made into a movie starring Peter Fonda and Harry Dean Stanton. Buffett, the kid brother of the group, was a broke musician playing in bars for beers, and did the "Tarpon" soundtrack without pay because the filmmakers said he could tag along with them to France.

The film, which was never released, has a cult following through bootlegs. Buffett sometimes used clips of it as a backdrop to his mega-concerts. "I saw ['Tarpon'] as a fishing movie mostly and perhaps less about our lives, because, when it was made, we had our lives ahead of us," McGuane said at one of the Telluride Q&As.

When Ballew first conceived of his film, he imagined taking viewers on a ride through this makeshift community of outlaws, whom he saw as the last people who had been able to truly pursue being writers, in the literary rockstar tradition of another Key West resident, Ernest Hemingway. But

SEE TELLURIDE ON C2



JAMIE POTENBERG

Jimmy Buffett, at top, and author Jim Harrison in 1974.

Nonprofit looks at spending by O'Keefe

Audit by Project Veritas details bills for travel, set of DJ equipment

BY WILL SOMMER

In August 2022, James O'Keefe needed to get to Maine for a sailing trip. Rather than take a commercial flight for roughly $200, the conservative undercover-video activist directed his employees to book a $12,000 helicopter flight direct from New York to the seaside town of Southwest Harbor, using funds donated to Project Veritas, the nonprofit he founded, according to a draft of a private internal audit conducted by an independent law firm.

When bad weather forced the helicopter to make an unscheduled landing in Portland, O'Keefe booked a $1,400 black car for the three-hour drive from the helipad to the sailboat. O'Keefe justified the expenses by saying that he had a meeting near the dock, the audit stated. Two Project Veritas staffers described the person he met with to The Washington Post as a low-level donor.

It wasn't the first time O'Keefe had covered personal expenses with funds from the donor-supported nonprofit whose self-described mission is investigative journalism, according to the report compiled by Dorsey & Whitney, a firm hired by the Project Veritas board in the wake of its founder's departure in February. A copy of the report was shared with The Post.

There was $208,980 worth of luxury black-car travel over a two-year period. There was a $600 haul of bottled water during one hotel stay in San Antonio. There was even a $2,500 set of DJ equipment; O'Keefe dreamed of

SEE O'KEEFE ON C3

THEATER REVIEW

'Ink' offers a pointed look at the tabloids

BY PETER MARKS

To understand better how we wound up in the shark-infested media age epitomized by "Succession," you'll want to wade into "Ink," James Graham's trenchant play about Rupert Murdoch's wallow in London's tabloid muck.

"Ink" is an account of Murdoch's 1969 purchase of the Sun, a moribund national daily that rose to the top by sinking to the bottom. Its claim to fame was a dubious breakthrough, sort of the down-market flip side to the Pentagon Papers. Under a salacious mastermind of an editor, Larry Lamb — played in Round House Theatre's excellent production by an intense, unstoppable Cody Nickell — the Sun rose to prominence with a notorious feature: a daily photo of a bare-breasted model.

Graham's portrait of that time — illuminated vividly by director Jason Loewith and 13 splendid actors — pinpoints a moment when rough-and-ready newspaper journalism ceased to be gleeful, turning instead into a grim search for the lowest common denominator. "Ink," first performed in London in 2017 (and later on Broadway), is no rollicking descendant of "The Front Page," Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur's raucous 1928 valentine to Chicago newshounds.

Rather, it's a testament to cynicism, a model of civic responsibility closer to the sensibility of P.T. Barnum than Ben Bradlee. The Sun did not invent sensationalism, but in feeding reader cravings for gossip, sex, crime, you name it, Murdoch and company further corrupted the discourse, forcing competitors to follow suit — and setting the pattern for the corrosive media uni-

SEE THEATER REVIEW ON C4

At Telluride, a focus on Buffett

TELLURIDE FROM **C1**

as interviews came together, the movie started morphing into something more moving, about old friends staring down the barrel of mortality and looking back at a time they all agree was the best of their lives, even if they didn't quite appreciate that while it was happening. "I think all of them regret thinking that that feeling would last forever," Ballew said.

De la Valdène, who gave interviews for the film, died earlier this year, three weeks after Ballew finished editing it. On Friday night, not long after the film's second Telluride screening, Buffett died at his home in Sag Harbor, N.Y., at 76.

It wasn't until a week before the festival that Buffett finally accepted that he wasn't well enough to travel. He'd been diagnosed four years ago with Merkel cell carcinoma, a rare form of skin cancer. It was in remission, until it wasn't. "He'd been going downhill for the last four months," said McGuane, in an interview with The Washington Post after returning to Montana on Sunday. His wife, Laurie, is Buffett's sister and had rushed to his bedside when he took a turn for the worse. "It didn't seem to bother him as it would most people," McGuane, 83, continued. "He had such a high-energy and upbeat personality, and whenever the drugs would give him a little bit of a break, he'd get out his guitar and his iPad and work on a song. So a lot really didn't change — till he was gone."

McGuane found out about his friend's death on Saturday morning when he woke up, then had to head straight to a Q&A, where he seemed to be processing the news in real time. Buffett was supposed to be there with him, but he wasn't and could never be again. "There's a Mexican expression that everybody knows they're going to die, but nobody believes it," McGuane told the audience. "And I think when you get to be my age, each week brings a phone call with a friend with cancer or a friend who's passed away. And Jimmy died last night. And he seemed to be so forceful and energetic all his life, every minute of it. It's hard to believe that he wouldn't have ordered death out of the room."

From the reports McGuane had gotten from his wife and friends, Buffett never got depressed about his fate. "He stayed active until it was impossible to be active," McGuane told The Post. "He was still humorous and warm almost to the hour that he died."

McGuane hadn't even wanted to do the movie. It had taken Ballew a year to persuade him to go on camera, and he wouldn't put the filmmaker in touch with Buffett, even though the singer was his brother-in-law and they spoke almost every day. But now, especially now, he's so glad the film exists and lets him spend time with his old friends: Harrison, who was blind in one eye and always ready for mischief; De la Valdène, the other serious fisher in the bunch, with whom McGuane once went tarpon hunting for 100 days in a row without a break; and Buffett, both as a 20-something hippie with long blond hair and a mustache, and also the white-haired rich guy in his 70s in a Hawaiian shirt on the beach.

"It's like anybody else's life," McGuane said. "You have previous eras that kind of get archived. You store manuscripts in the basement and you don't go there very much. But this movie brought so much of it back that had personal value to me, because so many other characters in the film are dead."

He paused.

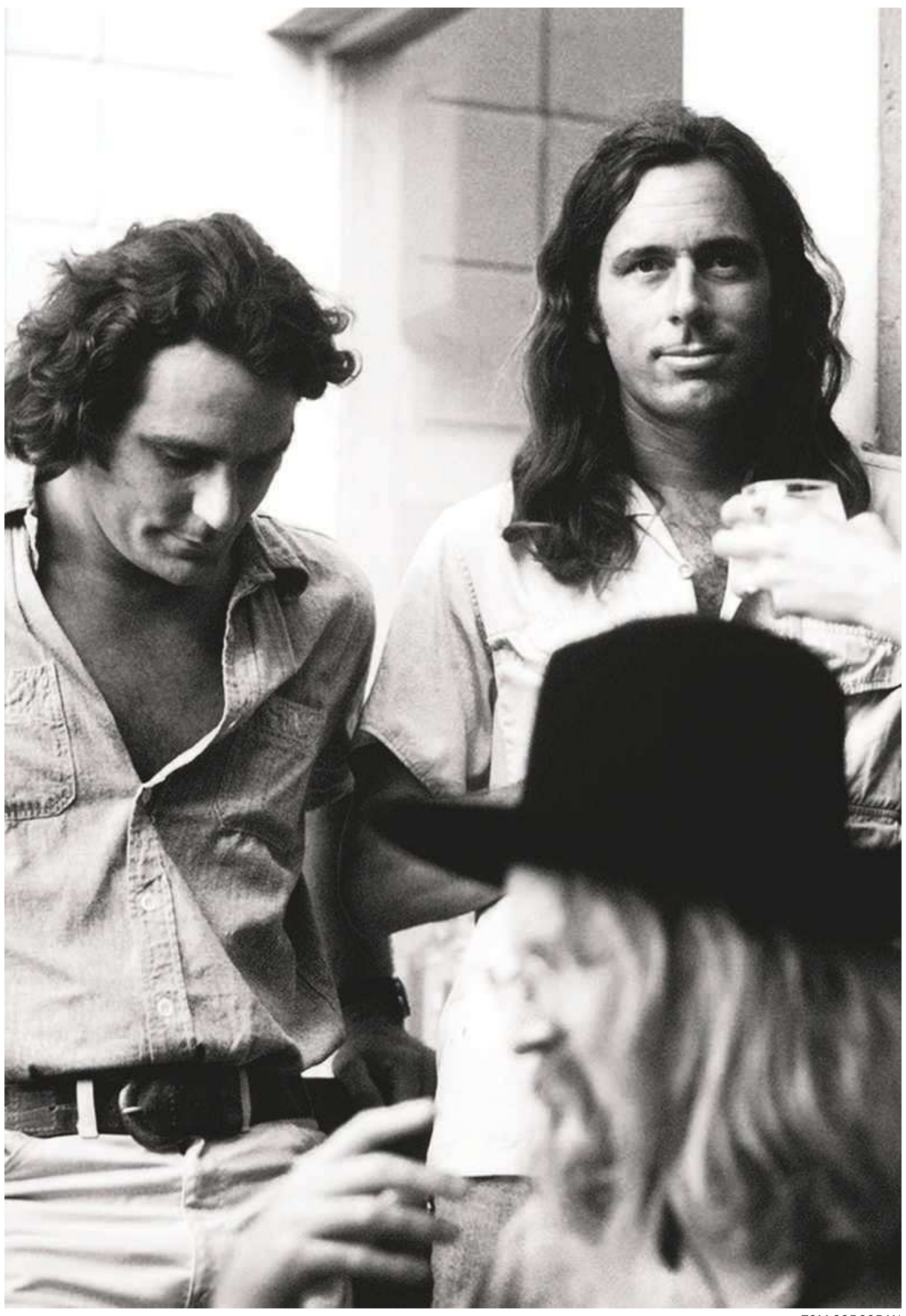
"You know, when we did the screening on Friday night, there were two of us [from that core group] who were still alive. And when we did the Saturday screening, it was down to me."

In the brief documentary, Buffett sits in shorts and a polo with blue ocean behind him. "They were fishing and f---ing around, everyone in town was," he says with that Southern drawl. "It was a bohemian thing," he goes on. "It was a Navy town, a gay town, a hippie town, a drug town. But Key West historically had always been that. We weren't the first ones who took advantage of the laissez-faire attitude. You went there because you could do it."

Later on, during a montage of people talking about all the drugs they did — pot, quaaludes, acid, so much cocaine there was just a pile on a table every night — Buffett declares, "A woman almost shot my head off," and leaves it at that.

Some of the footage of him looking spry and immortal was shot just eight months ago.

Nailing Buffett down for interviews wasn't easy. (McGuane says Buffett had so many houses, "I couldn't tell you if he really lived anywhere.") Once Ballew and his crew caught him in Palm Beach. Another time, he flew himself to Tallahassee for dinner and an interview, then flew home to L.A. "We were supposed to do one in the Bahamas, but on our way there, Jimmy decided it was a little too windy and he went to St. Barts without telling us," said Ballew, smiling. "Which is so Jimmy. Like, why wouldn't you, if you had that option?"



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At top, clockwise from left, Guy de la Valdène, Tom McGuane and Richard Brautigan are featured with Jimmy Buffett, in left photo, in the short documentary "All That Is Sacred," which screened at the Telluride Film Festival. McGuane, in the middle photo with his wife, Laurie, talked about Buffett, his friend and his brother-in-law, at the festival.

They tried lining up crews and dates with Buffett, but "he would kind of hopscotch based on 'the fish might be biting somewhere,'" Ballew said. "There was one time we missed him because a swell was coming in and I think he was going to go surf with Kelly Slater." Ballew and the crew learned not to book flights more than 24 hours in advance.

In that group of '70s friends, Buffett was the youngest and the most upbeat. "The first thing he said to me was, 'It's not in my nature or personality to be a dark poet,'" McGuane said. "He saw his role as being lighthearted, leading fun singalongs, giving people a bit of island life." And he did it with zero expectations of monetary reward.

"He was definitely a Jimmy Buffett character, just breezed through the day. He was the guy with the flip-flop, stepping on a pop top, especially in that ['Tarpon'] era," recalled McGuane, quoting lyrics from Buffett's megahit, "Margaritaville." That song, he said, "was a pretty good self-portrait of when I first knew Jimmy. After that, he transformed into an extremely competent businessman."

McGuane was flirting with alcoholism when he met Laurie, Buffett's sister, at a bar. He was on the floor and couldn't get up. She gave him a chance anyway. Once he married her, he and Buffett became true family.

"What you probably couldn't see just in a momentary meeting of him is how driven he was," McGuane said. "I knew him, you know, 50 years ago or more. And he was always really fun-loving and also exceptionally hard-working." He'd pull all-nighters "doing all kinds of crazy stuff," then be back to grinding the next morning.

He thinks Buffett's success has to do with that work ethic, of keeping on making music and touring when there were certainly times things weren't going well and other people would have given up. He also didn't worry about things that McGuane certainly thought he should worry about, such as bankruptcy, being overextended, being surrounded by only other world-famous people. Fame affected him. How could it not? "He was always, you know, going 100 miles an hour, and fame and wealth allowed him to go 200 miles an hour," McGuane said.

But it didn't fundamentally change him, according to McGuane: "I think Carl Hiaasen said this, too: The happiest he ever was, was doing exactly what he was doing originally, which was playing his guitar and singing."

They were in touch all the time, but one of the last times McGuane spoke with Buffett, he joked that so many of their friends were disappearing that he ought to write a song called, "Last Man Standing-ville."

"And then he said: 'I've already written a song for old people. It's called 'My Gummy Just Kicked In.'" (Paul McCartney played on it.)

Ballew spoke with him three weeks before Telluride. He had showed Buffett the poster for the movie, which he loved, and immediately asked whether Ballew could mail him two. Looking back, he should have realized something was wrong when he didn't hear from Buffett that he'd gotten the posters. "He was the type who would send me pictures of how he framed them, where he put them, probably given me some ideas of how I could've made them better," he said, laughing.

Just before he flew to Colorado, McGuane wrote Buffett a letter that Laurie read to him the day before he died. "The letter was all about, you know, 'Your death is imminent, how do you feel about that?'" McGuane recalled. He wrote to him as an artist, and about how commercial music can prolong your life, beyond your life. "I was able to assure Jimmy that he had a long life into the future," McGuane said, "and I said, 'You won't be there for the applause, but how big a deal is that?' He was still speaking at that time, and he said: 'I hadn't thought of that. That's great.'"

As he was dying, said McGuane, Buffett started talking about going back to Pascagoula, Miss., where he and his sisters, Lucy and Laurie, were born. "I don't think it's unusual for people who are close to death to think of it in terms of your own homegoing," McGuane said.

What would he tell people about everything he learned from those days in Key West, from 50 years of knowing Buffett? "If I had to sum it up in one phrase," McGuane said, "I would say, 'Live it up.'"

Nonprofit's audit describes 'volatile' workplace behavior

O'KEEFE FROM C1

playing a set at Coachella, according to two former employees, and was irritated when his staff couldn't get him booked at the legendary California music festival.

The audit report raises questions about whether O'Keefe complied with laws that prohibit nonprofit leaders from using the organization's funds for their personal benefit. The Westchester County, N.Y., district attorney's office has said it is investigating O'Keefe, as first reported by the Nation.

Before he left Project Veritas in February, under pressure from its board of directors, O'Keefe was surrounded by a "cult of personality" that enabled him to behave as if he were "untouchable," the audit concluded. The report states that it was based on interviews with 35 current and former Project Veritas staffers conducted by Dorsey & Whitney. O'Keefe did not respond to The Post's requests for comment.

Hannah Giles, a onetime O'Keefe ally who is now the CEO of Project Veritas, compared O'Keefe's spending habits to the mega-wealthy financier antihero on the Showtime television series "Billions."

"If you're Bobby Axelrod from 'Billions,' it's fine to live like that," Giles said in an interview with The Post. "When you're paying your bills from a little old lady's Social Security checks, we're going to have problems."

Project Veritas gained the admiration of major conservative donors as well as small-dollar grass-roots contributors with undercover videos exposing supposed bias or wrongdoing by journalists, labor leaders and liberal advocates. In 2021 alone, it raised $21,958,641 in contributions, according to the most recent available tax forms.

But the group laid off 25 of its 40 staff members last month, Project Veritas acknowledges. In an Aug. 18 meeting, board chairman Joe Barton told staffers he was concerned that the audit, if made public, could trigger an IRS investigation or even a forced shutdown, according to a recording of the meeting that was shared with The Post.

Barton told The Post his comments reflected the opinion of the larger board. He declined to comment further on the audit.

Last year, two Florida residents pleaded guilty in connection to an FBI probe into the theft of a diary belonging to Ashley Biden that ended up in the possession of Project Veritas during the 2020 campaign. During that investigation, agents searched O'Keefe's Mamaroneck, N.Y., home and seized electronic equipment, but O'Keefe was not charged with a crime. (Project Veritas never ran a story about the diary, and both O'Keefe and the nonprofit have said they acted legally as journalists.)

O'Keefe, 39, was more than the founder of Project Veritas. He was also the face of the organization, styling himself as a citizen journalist crusading against perceived corruption, hypocrisy or bias in media or liberal politics. Now, though, the nonprofit is suing him over his messy departure, which came amid questions about the group's finances, and the board-commissioned audit includes vivid accounts of profligate spending as well as what it calls his "volatile" workplace behavior, highlighting O'Keefe's role in the downfall of the organization.

O'Keefe declined to speak with the auditors, according to the document.

In September 2021, according to the report, Hurricane Ida floodwaters threatened to destroy the Project Veritas office in Mamaroneck. The staff scrambled to save equipment and their own lives — one elderly employee was briefly pulled underwater and had to be rescued by colleagues. But O'Keefe had already left the scene, asking employees to prioritize his own evacuation so he could make it to Virginia for a performance of the musical "Oklahoma!" in which he had the lead role, according to staffers cited by the audit.

"Don't worry, everything will be okay," O'Keefe told his employees, according to recollection of a staffer cited in the audit, "but help me get out of here." In 2022, Project Veritas admitted in a tax filing to improperly spending $20,500 moving some staff operations to Virginia during O'Keefe's time with the musical production for his convenience.

The auditors interviewed an employee who described being subjected by O'Keefe to a two-hour polygraph test to prove his loyalty after the two had a falling-out. O'Keefe also allegedly warned one female employee not to get pregnant and pressed another to return to work shortly after a miscarriage, the women told the auditors, according to the report.



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According to an audit, James O'Keefe, the undercover-video activist who founded Project Veritas, was surrounded by a "cult of personality" that enabled him to behave as if he were "untouchable."

Some office drama was propelled by O'Keefe's romantic relationship. Though she was unnamed in the audit, three Project Veritas employees identified her as Alexandra Rose, a California real estate agent who is a star of the Netflix reality series "Selling the OC."

O'Keefe allegedly pressed staffers to set up donor meetings in California so he could justify visits to Rose as work trips, leading him to waste time in meetings with minor donors. In another incident, O'Keefe allegedly demanded employees buy her what Project Veritas executives described to auditors as "many expensive bottles of tequila." Rose did not reply to an email for comment.

O'Keefe did not respond to a list of questions related to the allegations. When initial claims of improper personal spending made by Project Veritas employees in February helped lead to O'Keefe's exit from the organization, O'Keefe labeled the allegations "truly bizarre" and said he was the victim of a conspiracy trying to punish him for exposing the left.

O'Keefe's breakthrough on the national scene came in 2009, when he dressed as a 1970s-style pimp — complete with a chinchilla shoulder throw — for a video where he claimed to have duped employees at ACORN, a liberal housing nonprofit, into advising him to obtain a home by evading taxes and disguising his (fictitious) intent to operate a brothel.

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>
> **Hannah Giles,** CEO of Project Veritas

The resulting videos were disparaged as "heavily edited" by the California attorney general's office, which revealed in a report that O'Keefe only dressed as a pimp for the introductions to his videos, wearing business-casual attire for the stings themselves. Still, they went viral, a launchpad for O'Keefe to found Project Veritas a year later. Subsequent "gotcha"-style stings targeted NPR, teachers unions, journalists and Democratic political operations.

In 2016, O'Keefe inadvertently botched an attempted infiltration of Democratic donor George Soros's nonprofit by sending a voice mail explaining the whole scheme to one of his targets. A year later, an O'Keefe operative tried and failed to trick The Washington Post into publishing false allegations against Roy Moore, then a U.S. Senate candidate in Alabama.

Still, at the time, Project Veritas was riding high on the endorsement of a sitting president, Donald Trump, whose foundation once gave the group $10,000 and who invited O'Keefe to the White House. The nonprofit began to aspire to a certain grandeur, hosting employee trainings by a former British MI6 spy and events that featured elaborately staged musical routines by O'Keefe and backup dancers.

Today, Project Veritas is run by a skeleton crew unable to pull off serious undercover work, three current staffers told The Post.

In June, the board hired Giles as CEO. As she was part of the original Project Veritas crew going back to its beginnings, her appointment was meant to appease loyalists upset by O'Keefe's ouster. One of her first moves, though, was to prohibit so-called "honey-pot" stings — in which targets were lured out on dates by undercover operatives who encountered them on dating sites and then recorded their loose-lipped chatter. "That's one of our key tools," Christian Hartsock, a longtime O'Keefe associate who was laid off from Project Veritas last month, told The Post.

Hartsock is one of several Project Veritas alumni who believe that O'Keefe's managerial flaws and spending habits — qualities that the founder himself would want to investigate in a liberal organization, they say — have squandered his legacy within the conservative movement.

"The big winners are Dems," said a Project Veritas veteran who now works with O'Keefe and spoke on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media. "They get to have political conferences now without any threat of 'Who is this person I may be talking to?'"

A handful of loyal staffers left Project Veritas with O'Keefe to launch a for-profit rival organization. O'Keefe Media Group sells $500 subscriptions to video lectures by the founder holding forth on journalism and other topics. Yet its undercover work has so far lacked the kind of big targets that made O'Keefe famous. In May, an executive resigned from the startup with a fiery email that was shared with The Post, calling O'Keefe a "tyrant" and claiming his new company had blown $300,000 on a simple website design.

In June, O'Keefe filmed a video in the Hamptons to promote an upcoming exposé about a financial-services firm, in which he dressed as a stereotypical Wall Street fat cat puffing on a cigar, spraying champagne and revving a Lamborghini — too high, apparently, because the engine caught fire, according to a Twitter video of the incident and a participant in the shoot.

For all the bad blood, though, Giles has raised the prospect of O'Keefe rejoining the organization. In a call with a Project Veritas employee, a recording of which was obtained by The Post, Giles said O'Keefe "lit the house on fire and shut the doors" by blasting Project Veritas publicly after his exit. But she also entertained the possibility of a return by O'Keefe.

"I don't know that I could work *for* him, but I could work *with* him," she told a Project Veritas employee, in a recording shared with The Post. Giles declined to comment on the discussions.

What's next in the lucrative world of parent influencers? Earnings for the kids.

BY FORTESA LATIFI

When Shreya Nallamothu, then 13, turned to YouTube to combat the loneliness of the first months of the coronavirus pandemic, she watched family vloggers pump out daily content featuring their children. Her algorithm soon led her to videos exposing exploitative practices of family vloggers.

In one clip, a mother delivers an update about the family's pet while her son cries and she urges him on. ("Act like you're crying," she says, and the upset child says, "No, Mom, I'm actually crying.") In another, a father who gained a following for pranking his children urged his son to slap his daughter, leaving the girl crying. (The father in the video later lost custody of the children.)

Nallamothu couldn't forget what she saw, and when she was 16, she drafted a bill to protect child influencers for her independent study project in high school. At the end of the semester, her teacher urged her to contact legislators. "I didn't think anyone would respond to me," Nallamothu said, "[but] I decided to just see what happened."

Someone did respond: Illinois state Sen. Dave Koehler (D), who would go on to introduce the legislation.

Illinois made history last month when it became the first state to pass a law to protect the earnings of children of influencers, requiring parents to put a percentage of gross earnings into a trust. The law is the first of its kind to provide legal protection for children who are featured in monetized online content, such as YouTube videos or sponsored Instagram posts. Before the legislation — and still in the 49 states that don't have any like it — children were not entitled to any of the money they helped earn.

Koehler said in an interview that, before reading Nallamothu's letter, he didn't know about the privacy issues of children whose lives are monetized online, but he quickly familiarized himself and became intent on drafting legislation.

The bill was passed unanimously through the Illinois Senate and signed into law Aug. 11. The law would entitle child influencers in the state under 16 to a percentage of earnings based on how often they appear in video blogs or online content that generates at least 10 cents per view. Under the law, parents or guardians must place that money in a trust, which can be accessed when the child turns 18.

How the legislation will play out is yet to be seen, but the law provides a legal avenue for children of influencers to recoup profits from their efforts. And the profits are astounding: Momfluencing itself is a billion-dollar corner of the influencing industry, said Sara Petersen, author of "Momfluenced." "You can sell almost anything under the sun by tying it to motherhood or parenting," she said. "If you can create a whole narrative about someone's ability to raise a happy, healthy family, you can more effectively market that product."

A quick scroll through influencers' ads featuring their children yields an array of products, including batteries, purses and razors. If other states take Illinois' lead and pass similar legislation, it could change the way parenting influencers create content. At the least, Petersen said, it will force parents to consider more deeply the ramifications of including their children in their social media work.

Family and parenting influencers have come under closer scrutiny lately, because there's a growing backlash against parents who broadcast their children's milestones, frustrations and inner lives for millions to watch. "That's going to mess with your worldview, constantly being broadcast to millions of people," Nallamothu said. Particular moments stick in her mind as a catalyst for her work to protect children online, such as the child whose parents filmed her sobbing after a prank in which they told her that the family dog had been given away.

Very recently, the backlash against parenting influencers reached new levels when a mother was arrested after her 12-year-old son showed up at a neighbor's home appearing malnourished and with open wounds. Ruby Franke, a Utah mother of six, had a popular (now-deleted) YouTube channel called 8 Passengers that boasted more than 2 million subscribers. The show became controversial when viewers began calling Franke out for harsh parenting tactics.



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Illinois made history in August when it became the first state to pass a law to protect the earnings of children of influencers.

But even as questions arise around the ethical and privacy concerns of family channels, the number of parent influencers has only grown — while laws meant to protect their children have lacked. Though the Illinois law marks a turning point, it only tackles the issue of monetization. Notably absent is the question of privacy and deletion, or what is known in Europe as the "right to be forgotten," though the original draft of the legislation included such provisions. "We still have that part we want to deal with, [regarding] a person eliminating any unwanted videos or content they have from their childhood when they become an adult," Koehler said. "That's a privacy issue, a consumer protection issue. It's also technologically a very tough issue."

Legislation was introduced in Washington state on Jan. 26 that would not only address earnings, but also give children a legal avenue to request deletion of content "from any internet platform or network that provided compensation to the individual's parent or parents in exchange for that video content." If passed, the legislation would be the first of its kind to address the privacy concerns facing children of influencers, but the bill has been stalled in committee since Feb. 17.

Behind the efforts in Washington state are more young people intent on advocating for the privacy of children: 19-year-old Chris McCarty, who started the website Quit Clicking Kids, and 24-year-old Cam Barrett, who testified in favor of the bill and shared her experience as the child of a mother who overshared online.

McCarty first became passionate about child privacy after reading about the saga of Myka Stauffer, an influencer who went viral for creating content chronicling the adoption of an autistic child from China for three years before tearfully announcing in a YouTube video that the child had been "rehomed" with a family better able to handle the boy's medical needs.

McCarty began emailing legislators in Washington state during their senior year of high school and eventually worked with state Rep. Kristine Reeves (D) to introduce H.B. 1627. Though the bill hasn't moved forward, McCarty says they're working with Reeves to reintroduce it in the upcoming legislative session and hopes the bill will be adopted into law. But that's not where McCarty's ambitions stop. "Right now, this isn't something that's getting federal attention," they say. "But I think the more states that adopt this issue, the more people are talking about this and the more feasibility we'll have to pass something federally."

"I am excited to see Illinois pass this legislation. Child influencers deserve these crucial legal and financial protections from exploitation," said Maryland Del. Jazz Lewis (D-Prince George's), who plans to introduce legislation in the state this year.

Barrett is fighting for legislation after her mother shared to her followers an announcement of Cam's first menstrual cycle, a description of a car accident Cam was in and photos of her unconscious in the hospital.

Now, Cam Barrett is in charge of her own online footprint, which she uses to urge other parents to avoid what she sees as exploitation at worst and carelessness at best. She has been publicly involved with the passage of the Illinois legislation and the efforts in Washington state, and politicians and aides from California, Florida and Texas have contacted her to discuss the possibility of similar legislation in their states. "It gives me a lot of hope," Barrett said. "It's really exciting that people are listening."

But even with the progress being made, she finds her heart breaking a little when she sees videos of children online. She knows what that performance is like and how it can bleed into your actual life. She describes one video of a child with more than 5 million followers in which the young social media star jokes with her parents: "It's like she's playing a character." Right before the video ends, the mask of the performance seems to slip: The child's face drops, and she looks blankly into the camera. Barrett recognizes that dissociation, and she hopes that, through further legislative protection, she can keep other children from knowing it, too.

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TV HIGHLIGHTS



NETFLIX

Virgin River (Netflix) This drama series is back for Season 5 and features surprising new relationships, a shocking breakup, a difficult trial, a crushing goodbye and a dangerous wildfire. Pictured: Martin Henderson as Jack Sheridan and Alexandra Breckenridge as Mel Monroe.

Fight to Survive (CW at 8) When Team Fight cuts off water, Team Survive pulls a trick out of its sleeve.

Jersey Shore Family Vacation (MTV at 8) A surprise visitor arrives in the Poconos; the roomies go to Atlantic City to watch Pauly spin; the trip takes an unexpected turn when DNA results are revealed.

Project Runway (Bravo at 9) In a first for the show, three all-star finalists race to complete eight finale-worthy looks in eight days.

Big Brother (CBS at 9:01) After a live vote, one houseguest is evicted and interviewed; the remaining houseguests must compete to be the next head of the household.

House Hunters (HGTV at 10:01) A couple in Seattle look to make the big move to Honolulu; he wants to be in a walkable neighborhood with plenty of action, but she wants a house with outdoor space that will be large enough to house her mom and their dog.

The Challenge: USA (CBS at 10:01) The game changes when TJ announces that there are no more teams; several players change their strategies, and two allies must face off in one of the most grueling eliminations yet.

House Hunters International (HGTV at 10:31) A Canadian couple plan to move to Costa Rica and downsize with their 16-year-old daughter; they want a home that's big enough for them and their visiting family.

MOVIES

The Truman Show (MTV2 at 8:30) Everything in the life of Truman Burbank (Jim Carrey) is part of a TV set. As he starts to discover the truth about his situation, Truman must decide what to do.

The Menu (HBO2 at 8:40) Are you hungry … for murder? A young couple (Nicholas Hoult and Anya Taylor-Joy) head to a remote island to eat at a restaurant where the chef (Ralph Fiennes) has prepared a lavish menu featuring shocking surprises.

RETURNING

Kung Fu Panda: The Dragon Knight (Netflix) Season 3.

Star Trek: Lower Decks (Paramount Plus) Season 4.

Top Boy (Netflix) Season 3.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

9/7/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NFL Kickoff** (Live)		(:15) ♦ **NFL Football** Detroit Lions at Kansas City Chiefs (Live)							♦ **News**
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ I Can See Your Voice		♦ Name That Tune		♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ Jeopardy!	♦ Generation Gap		♦ The Prank Panel		♦ Shark Tank		♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **Inside Ed.**	♦ **ET**	♦ Sheldon	♦ Ghosts	♦ **Big Brother** (Live)		♦ **The Challenge: USA**		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		♦ **Eternamente amándonos**		♦ **Tierra de esperanza**		♦ **Minas de pasión**		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ **Extra**	♦ Simpsons	♦ Dateline	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Context	♦ **First Gen**	♦ **Peek-CIAA**	♦ Our Blues	♦ Alpha Kappa Alpha		♦ Taking Israel		♦ Connection	♦ Connection
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ Hope Street		♦ Bancroft		♦ Midsomer Murders		♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ School	♦ Independent Lens			♦ Afro Blue	♦ Bright Path		♦ BBC News	♦ On Story
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ black-ish	♦ **Fight to Survive**		♦ **FBoy Island**		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ Chicago P.D.	

CABLE CHANNELS

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	The First 48		**Critical Minutes**		**60 Days In**		(:05) **Booked: First Day In**		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(6:15) Movie: True Lies ★★★ (1994)				(:15) Movie: Gone in 60 Seconds ★ (2000)					
Animal Planet	Mythical Beasts		Mythical Beasts		Mythical Beasts		Mythical Beasts		Mythical Beasts	
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		College Hill		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
Bravo	(6:00) Runway	Project Runway			**Project Runway**			**Watch What**	Movie: She's All That ★★	
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source With** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park
Discovery	Survive the Raft		Survive the Raft		Survive the Raft		Survive the Raft		Survive the Raft	
Disney	Kiff	Kiff	Marvel's	Marvel's	Hailey	Hailey	Ladybug	Ladybug	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
E!	Movie: 10 Things I Hate About You ★ (1999)				Botched		**Botched**		**E! News**	Botched
ESPN	**2023 U.S. Open Tennis** Women's Semifinals (Live)								**SportsCenter** (Live)	
ESPN2	SportsCenter		**High School Football** Red Oak (Texas) at Lake Belton (Texas) (Live)						UFC 293 Countdown	
Food Network	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	**Beat Bobby**	Beat Bobby	Bobby's Triple Threat		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
Fox News	**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News at Night** (Live)	
Freeform	(6:30) Movie: Maleficent ★★ (2014)			Movie: Maleficent: Mistress of Evil ★★ (2019)					**The 700 Club**	
FX	(5:30) Movie: Girls Trip		Movie: The Proposal ★★ (2009)					Movie: Instant Family ★★★ (2018)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Romance in St...		Movie: Love Strikes Twice (2021)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: The Irresistible Blueberry Farm (2016)				Movie: A Glenbrooke Christmas (2020)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(5:50) Movie: Live Free or Di...		Winning Time	(:50) Movie: My Big Fat Greek Wedding ★★★ (2002)				Movie: Don't Worry Darling ★★ (2022)		
HGTV	100 Day Dream Home		**100 Day Dream Home**		**Christina on the Coast**		**Hunters**	**Hunters Int'l**	Hunters Int'l	Hunters
History	Mountain Men		**Mountain Men**			(:35) **Alone Australia**		(:35) Mountain Men		
Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle	
MASN	**World Poker Tour**		**Fight Sports WCK**		**Fight Sports: Grand Sumo**		**Bensinger**	Coach	Wolfpack	Carolina
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Jersey Shore		**Jersey Shore**		Jersey Shore		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Ultimate Treasure Countdo		Lost Treasures of Rome		Lost Treasures of Rome		Lost Treasures of Rome		Lost Treasures of Rome	
NBC SportsNet WA	Short List	Immortals	Basketball Washington Mystics at Phoenix Mercury				Greatest	Fairways of Life		Basketball
Nickelodeon	SpongeBob SquarePants				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Couples Retreat ★★ (2009)					Movie: Vacation ★★ (2015)		
Syfy	Movie	(:55) Movie: The Scorpion King ★★ (2002)				(:55) Movie: Colombiana ★★ (2011)				Movie
TBS	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**Tacoma FD**	Movie
TCM	(5:45) Movie: Imitation of Life		Movie: Good News ★★★ (1947)				Movie: It Happened in Brooklyn ★★ (1947)			
TLC	90 Day: The Last Resort		**Sister Wives**		**Sister Wives**		**Sister Wives**		Welcome to Plathville	
TNT	(5:00) Movie: Transformers		(:15) Movie: Ant-Man ★★★ (2015)					(:45) Movie: Rampage ★★ (2018)		
Travel	The Dead Files		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		**The Dead Files**		The Dead Files	
TruTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	**Tacoma FD**	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	(6:30) Movie: Hustlers ★★★ (2019)				**Wild 'n Out**	**Wild 'n Out**	Movie: Paid in Full ★★ (2002)			
WNC8	Emeril	ScalpMED	7News at 6	Paid Prog.	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Never Fear	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

'Ink': A titillating look at Rupert Murdoch's Sun

THEATER REVIEW FROM **C1**

verse we live in today.

For a town as obsessed as Washington with making news, being news, breaking news, "Ink" is veritable popcorn fare. The characters are a recognizable gallery of Lamb's allies and rivals, who follow his instincts into the gutter: the working-class crime reporter turned news editor (Maboud Ebrahimzadeh); the Oxbridge toff with broadsheet airs (Michael Glenn); the upright supervisor of the women's pages (Kate Eastwood Norris); the haughty owner (Craig Wallace) of the reigning Fleet Street tabloid, the Mirror, whose crown Lamb and Murdoch seek to steal.

Oh, yes — there's Murdoch, too, portrayed here convincingly by Andrew Rein as a cunning titan accustomed to getting what he wants. Interestingly, though, he's not the coarse, irritable tycoon whom Brian Cox animated so unforgettably in "Succession" (widely perceived as a TV series à clef about the Murdoch empire). This is a Murdoch of more mercurial motivation, desperate to win but squeamish about some of Lamb's innovations, particularly the Page 3 pinup display.

That lowbrow milestone is introduced in an intentionally cringe-y scene in which Lamb talks an aspiring actress (Awesta Zarif) into taking her top off for a Sun photographer (Zion Jang) — and for the great British public. The newsstand sales take off. Murdoch, ultimately, is seduced by a formula that works.

Lamb is Graham's touchstone for a new Britain emerging in the latter half of the 20th century — not just one with a weakness for sophomoric naughtiness, but also an anti-unionist, nativist one that would soon vote for Margaret Thatcher, and later for Brexit. That he was an avatar of a new order would be reflected in the wins Lamb racked up: The Sun's circulation would surpass the Mirror's, and he would even earn a knighthood.



MARGOT SCHULMAN

Cody Nickell, left, as Larry Lamb and Andrew Rein as Rupert Murdoch in Round House Theatre's production of "Ink," written by James Graham and directed by Jason Loewith.

If collateral damage occurred in Lamb's ruthless appeal to his base's base curiosities, well, so be it. "Ink" recounts the editor's cold exploitation of what amounted to a tragedy in the newspaper's family: the abduction of the wife of Sun's deputy chairman (Todd Scofield). Graham posits that not even the revelation that the intended victim was Murdoch's own wife could dissuade Lamb from printing every shocking development in the story. Graham and Nickell make Lamb's drive for the big headline so muscularly compelling that you get swept up in his determination, too.

Loewith and scenic designer Tony Cisek conceive the physical world of "Ink" as a tabloid layout: The walls of the set fold out like giant newspaper tearsheets, with projections by Mike Tutaj that fill modular panels as if they were visual elements of the pages. (A glitch during Act 1 that caused a computer error message to project distractingly onto the stage was the only technical wrinkle.) Costume designer Debra Kim Sivigny provides inspired contrast in the prim period fashion for the professional women and the scantier getups for the models the Sun uses to sell papers.

Loewith draws, too, on expert performances from the likes of Glenn, Ebrahimzadeh, Norris, Wallace and Scofield, names in a cast list that always signal polish and intelligence. (Look also for Round House's artistic director, Ryan Rilette, in a nice turn as a hyper sports editor.) They collectively ensure that this Round House offering — a co-production with Olney Theatre Center — always feels like the real article.

Ink, by James Graham. Directed by Jason Loewith. Sets, Tony Cisek; costumes, Debra Kim Sivigny; lighting, Minjoo Kim; sound and music, Matthew M. Nielson; projections, Mike Tutaj. With Chris Genebach, Sophia Early, Walter Riddle. About 2 hours 45 minutes. Through Sept. 24 at Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Hwy., Bethesda. *roundhousetheatre.org*.

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SHOW NAME		DATES & TIMES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	PRICE	ADDITIONAL
THEATRE						
GALA	**BAÑO DE LUNA** by Nilo Cruz	Sept 7 - Oct 1 Thurs - Sat at 8 pm Sun at 2 pm	A priest and parishioner are caught between their faith and desires. A tantalizing drama exploring passion, moral conflict & sacrifice.	**GALA Theatre 3333 14th Street NW 202-234-7174 www.galatheatre.org**	$25 - $48	In Spanish with English surtitles
MUSIC - CONCERTS						
THE US ARMY BAND PERSHING'S OWN	**Georgetown Friday Music Series** Army Strings with David Kim	FRIDAY September 8 12:30PM *check Army Band social media for rain cancellation	Summer's Last Shadow featuring works by Simon, Vivaldi, Piazzolla, Schubert, and Elgar with special guest David Kim, Concertmaster of Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. Get free tickets from Eventbrite link at usarmyband.com	**Gonda Theatre Davis Performing Arts Ctr. Old North Way Washington, DC 20057 usarmyband.com**	ALWAYS FREE	Check full schedule at usarmyband.com
COMEDY						
CAPITOL COMEDY	**Take My Candidate... Please!** A Comedy With Songs	Friday, September 8th, 7:00 PM Saturday, September 9th, 7:00 PM Sunday, September 10th, 2 PM	With parodies of familiar songs, impersonations of political "stars" and "real" fake news, Capitol Comedy's new show manages to produce laughter and good cheer from a Presidential contest that many Americans are anticipating with dread. See www.cityinaswamp.com.	**F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville, MD 20851 240-314-8690 https://fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=197**	Adults $40 Seniors $30 Students $25	Ample free parking. Metro Red Line Rockville Station 49 Bus

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Widow wants to bring new male friend around family, but daughter says no

Ask Amy
AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: My husband of 50 years died more than two years ago. I was happy and content with my single life and had no interest in dating.

Last year, I went on a group trip to Spain. There were several single older people on the tour. I was totally shocked when a gentleman asked me to join him for lunch when we returned home. Both our spouses had died at about the same time, and we had a lot of similar interests.

Over the past year, we have become great companions. The trouble is that one of my daughters is adamant about not wanting to meet him. I am not interested in marriage, only friendship. He has no local family. I would like to have him meet her family, and I'd like to have him celebrate with us for holidays.

She says that she will let me know when she is ready. I feel very bad that I have to exclude my friend when my daughter is around. I am sure that she would not come to my home for Thanksgiving if he were invited.

How should I handle this?

— Sad Mom

Sad: Your daughter has told you that she will meet your male friend when she is ready. So take her at her word. You might not be able to knit this group together the way you'd like in the time frame you'd prefer.

You do not have to exclude your friend when your daughter is around, thus letting your daughter control your friendship. Your daughter can make her choices based on her own preferences and priorities.

I hope you will talk with her about this. Reassure her that you have no desire to replace her father and have no thoughts of marrying again. This gentleman and you have both lost spouses, and this friendship has helped you to move through your loss. Ask your daughter to share her own feelings or fears about this relationship, and listen with compassion. (Would she respond this way if you enjoyed companionship with a female friend?)

Then move forward. Before inviting him to spend the holidays with your family, start with coffee, and ask your daughter to join. If she won't share this time with him, be patient and trust that she will come around when she is ready.

Dear Amy: When I meet someone new, they'll often ask me whether I have children. When I say no, they will then ask whether I have pets.

I'm always tempted to ask them why they think a dog or cat can replace a child, but because I know that would be rude, I keep my mouth shut.

Do you have any suggestions for something I can say to them that would indicate that their question is inappropriate, without sounding rude?

— Childless, Petless and Happy

Childless: Like you, I do wonder about the great leap from raising children to raising animals, but unlike you, I don't necessarily think this is a rude query.

The overall category here is: "Living Things: Sharing Space With." It sounds as if these new people are trying to find some common ground as a way to try to get to know you.

Approximately two-thirds of Americans do have pets in their homes, so there is a likelihood that this question would lead to having a conversation, instead of you thinking their interest or curiosity is inappropriate.

One way to respond to a query you don't feel like addressing directly is to say: "Hm, that's an interesting question. Why do you ask? It sounds like maybe you have pets?"

Or you can end this awkwardness and possibly segue into a more interesting conversation the way you've signed your own query, by saying: "I'm childless, petless and happy! How about you?"

Dear Amy: "Bugged in a Small Town" was repeatedly called by the wrong name, despite correcting the woman who did it. I once had a boss who had the EXACT same name as me. She chose to call me by a different name (one more "ethnic").

She kept this up until I started calling her by this name when addressing her. She informed me that it was not her name. I told her that it was not mine, either, and that because we had the SAME NAME, it shouldn't be so hard for her to remember it. That cured her.

— No Longer Bugged

No Longer Bugged: Instant cure. Good for you.

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AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:45-6:35
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:15-6:00-9:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:40-6:30-9:50
Strays (R) CC: 9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 4:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 2:05-5:05-8:10-9:35
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:00-7:35-10:10
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:20
Talk to Me (R) CC: 1:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:20-9:40
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:40-4:50-7:15-9:45
Retribution (R) CC: 1:45
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 7:00-9:25
The Good Mother (R) 1:45
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
Jurassic Park - 30th Anniversary 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:00-4:35-7:10-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-6:35-9:10
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 10:00AM

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
The Nun II (R) 9:00
My Animal (R) 7:30
Bottoms (R) 3:00-6:00
The Nun II (R) 4:00-7:00-10:15

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (PG) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 1:20-4:00-5:00-7:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:00-2:00-4:00-7:30

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-3:45-7:30
Golda (PG-13) 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:45

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 4:20-4:50-7:10-7:50
Oppenheimer (R) 4:10-7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:30-7:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 4:40
The Nun II (R) 4:00-7:00
Bottoms (R) 7:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 3:15-7:25
Oppenheimer (R) 3:00-6:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:30-7:30
Joyland 3:25
Golda (PG-13) 4:10
Cassandro (R) 7:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-7:15
Bottoms (R) 3:00-4:00-7:45
BlackBerry (R) 7:35
Theater Camp (PG-13) 3:00

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:10-3:00
Strays (R) 11:50-2:30
Elemental (PG) 11:50-2:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:00
Jawan (Hindi) 12:20-4:20-8:20
The Nun II (R) 4:00-7:00-10:00
Bottoms (R) 12:00-2:55-6:10-9:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:40
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 11:50-3:50-7:50
Never Give Up OC: 12:40-3:20-6:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:30
The Nun II (R) 6:00-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 3:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Risky Business (1983) (R) 9:10
The Way of the Dragon (Meng long guojiang) (R) 9:35
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-3:45-7:30
Golda (PG-13) OC: 4:50; 12:30-2:40-7:05
Citizen Kane (PG) 4:15
Goodfellas (R) 6:45
The Iron Giant: Signature Edition (2015) (PG) 11:00AM
Heat (1995) (R) 1:00

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:20
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15-7:10-10:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:30-6:50-9:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:20-10:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-9:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30-9:50
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 4:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:10

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:05-7:45-9:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 11:10-2:05-4:45-6:50-9:45
Strays (R) CC: 6:50-10:30
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:00-12:00-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:00-8:00-9:40-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:30-2:30-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-5:00-6:40-7:40-9:20-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30-9:50
Bottoms (R) CC: 11:30-1:50-5:30-8:10-10:30
Retribution (R) CC: 12:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 11:00-2:50-6:40

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:00-4:50
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:40-7:40-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:10-10:10
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-7:45-9:30-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30-9:50
Retribution (R) CC: 1:40

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:20-3:25-6:20-9:20
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:45-7:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:20-4:15-6:50-9:20
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:35-6:30-9:30
Strays (R) CC: 1:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 3:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:15
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:00
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:50-2:50-6:10-9:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 1:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30
Retribution (R) CC: 1:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 4:00-6:30-9:00
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-9:40
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 6:00-8:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 3:45-6:45-9:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 6:00-8:40

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:30
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 2:50-9:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:30-2:30-5:00-7:05-10:10
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 9:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Strays (R) CC: 12:00-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 12:00-6:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:20-2:00-5:00
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:10
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:20-4:15-6:55
Jawan (Hindi) 11:00-2:45-6:30-10:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:25
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:00-8:00-11:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 12:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:00
Talk to Me (R) CC: 11:45-2:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Retribution (R) CC: 1:00-3:30
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-10:00
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 9:35
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
No More Bets 2:55-6:00
Jurassic Park - 30th Anniversary 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:00-9:45
Zombie Town (R) 12:30-8:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 8:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 6:00-9:00

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 3:15-5:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:30-1:15-3:15-4:15-6:00-7:00-8:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-5:00-6:45-7:45
Talk to Me (R) 1:30
Retribution (R) 12:30-2:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) CC: 12:45-8:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 4:00-7:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-7:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:50-6:15-7:00-9:00-9:45
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:15-3:50-6:20-8:50
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20
Strays (R) CC: 1:40-9:50
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 4:10-7:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:40-6:20-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:20-6:25-9:35
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:00-7:45
Talk to Me (R) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:25-9:50
Retribution (R) CC: 2:10-4:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 1:45
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:35

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:30-6:30-10:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:45-4:15-7:15-10:30
Strays (R) CC: 9:30
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 2:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45-10:25
Elemental (PG) CC: 2:30-4:15
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 2:10-3:45-7:00-10:05
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-8:00-9:30
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13) CC: 9:55
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:55-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Hill (PG) CC: 10:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Retribution (R) CC: 7:05
The Good Mother (R) 5:30-7:50
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 6:00-8:30
No More Bets 7:00
The Nun II (R) OC: 6:45; 5:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Barbie (PG-13) 10:50-11:20-1:40-2:10-4:30-7:20-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:05-10:55-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40
Oppenheimer (R) 10:30-2:35-6:35-10:35
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:30-1:35-4:40-7:45-10:50
Strays (R) 10:30-1:00-3:30
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:10-10:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) XD: 10:25-1:15; 10:00-11:25-11:50-1:00-2:15-2:40-3:55-4:40-5:05-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:00-8:25-9:15-9:35-10:25-10:45
Elemental (PG) 11:00-1:45
Jawan (Hindi) XD: 11:10-3:00-6:50-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:20
The Nun II (R) XD: 4:00-7:00-10:00; 4:30-7:30-10:30; 4:30-7:30-10:30; 4:15-4:45-5:00-7:15-7:45-8:00-10:15-10:45-11:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 10:10-1:10
Golda (PG-13) 10:45-1:30-4:15
Talk to Me (R) 10:45-1:20-4:05-6:45-9:20
The Hill (PG) 10:35-1:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-7:30-10:00
Bottoms (R) 10:05-1:10-3:40-7:05-9:35
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
Retribution (R) 11:55-2:25
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 10:15AM
Jurassic Park - 30th Anniversary 3D (PG-13) 1:25
Zombie Town (R) 10:05
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 6:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) XD: 10:25-1:15
Elemental (PG) 11:00-1:45
Jawan (Hindi) 10:50-2:40-6:30-10:20
Jawan (Telugu) 2:20-10:00
Jawan (Tamil) 10:30-6:10
The Nun II (R) XD: 4:00-7:00-10:00
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:15

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Barbie (PG-13) 2:40-5:40-7:40
Oppenheimer (R) 2:00-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:00-3:20-5:00-8:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 2:00-3:40-6:20-9:40
The Nun II (R) 4:20-5:20-7:20-8:30-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 6:40-9:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:15-2:00-4:30-7:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 1:00-4:05-7:00
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-3:15-4:00-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:00-4:30-6:45
Joyland 4:15
BlackBerry (R) 7:30
Golda (PG-13) 4:40-7:45
Cassandro (R) 7:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:20-7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:00
BlackBerry (R) 1:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:45

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:40-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:40-4:20-7:05
Oppenheimer (R) 12:45-3:20-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:15-7:30
Elemental (PG) 12:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:05-3:55-7:20
Joyland 4:30
BlackBerry (R) 1:45-7:10
The Nun II (R) 4:30-7:10
The Hill (PG) 1:15
Cassandro (R) 7:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:15-7:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 4:10

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Golda (PG-13) 6:00
The Adults (R) 5:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 2:35-5:15-8:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 4:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:55-4:40-7:35
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 5:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:30-3:00-5:00-7:30-8:30
The Nun II (R) 5:00-7:30-8:00

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 3:10
Barbie (PG-13) 12:25-3:15-6:10-9:05
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:35
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 1:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:15-4:25-8:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:40
Strays (R) 9:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:20-12:50-3:10-3:40-6:00-6:30-9:00-9:20
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10
Elemental (PG) 1:30
Jawan (Hindi) 12:00-3:50-7:50
Jawan (Telugu) 4:40-8:40
Jawan (Tamil) 12:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-6:25-9:40
The Nun II (R) 5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00
Kushi (Telugu) 4:10-8:10
Golda (PG-13) 1:05-3:50
Talk to Me (R) 10:00
The Hill (PG) 12:55
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:40
Bottoms (R) 1:10-4:00-6:40-9:20
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:45-4:45-8:45
Retribution (R) 9:10
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 4:00-7:00-10:00
The Good Mother (R) 1:25-3:50-6:20-8:50
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 12:10-3:10-6:10
No More Bets 12:05-3:25-6:45
Never Give Up 12:50-3:20

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:25
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 8:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:40-3:20-5:50
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 8:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:45-2:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 12:00
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Elemental (PG) 12:30-3:10
Jawan (Hindi) 1:10-5:00-9:00
Jawan (Telugu) 11:55-7:10
Jawan (Tamil) 3:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 6:10-9:20
The Nun II (R) 4:00-7:10
Kushi (Telugu) 1:00-4:50-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:10
Retribution (R) 6:20
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 1:30-5:20-9:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 2:50

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:20-5:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-4:20-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:20-3:10-6:10-9:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 4:10-8:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-3:00-3:30-4:00-5:00-6:00-6:30-7:20-8:10-9:00-9:30
Elemental (PG) 1:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:40-3:50-7:40
The Nun II (R) 4:00-6:50-9:40
Talk to Me (R) 8:40
The Hill (PG) 1:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:30
Retribution (R) 12:45-3:40

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 11:50-2:30-5:30-9:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 8:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:20-3:00-6:00
Oppenheimer (R) 12:10-4:15-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:50-5:00-8:30
Strays (R) 9:20
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 12:30-3:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-1:00-1:40-2:20-2:50-3:20-4:45-5:15-5:50-6:20-7:30-8:50
Elemental (PG) 12:40
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The Nun II (R) 4:30-6:00-7:15-9:00
The Hill (PG) 12:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:30
Retribution (R) 8:10

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:10
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 8:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:30-3:00-5:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:20-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:50-2:50-6:00-9:10
Strays (R) 9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:55-12:40-2:00-2:40-3:30-5:00-5:30-6:30-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:20
Elemental (PG) 1:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:05-3:20-6:40
The Nun II (R) 4:00-6:50-9:40
Golda (PG-13) 2:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:35
Retribution (R) 4:10
No More Bets 12:00-3:10-6:20

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:50-6:50-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-5:00-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:05-3:15-6:20-9:30
Strays (R) 12:25-4:00-6:40-9:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 3:30
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 12:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:20-1:20-2:40-3:10-5:30-6:00-8:20-8:50
Elemental (PG) 12:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:30-3:00-6:15-9:40
The Nun II (R) 5:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:40
Retribution (R) 12:00-3:45-6:45-9:25
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 4:00-6:55-9:50
Jurassic Park - 30th Anniversary 3D (PG-13) 12:10

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Barbie (PG-13) 11:20-1:00-4:00-7:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 3:50
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:45-2:20
Oppenheimer (R) 11:40-2:10-6:15-8:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-6:45
Strays (R) 9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:20
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 12:20-3:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:50-3:00-9:40
The Nun II (R) 4:10-7:10
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 6:00-8:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:30-12:50-2:20-3:40-5:10-7:30-8:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 6:30
The Nun II (R) 5:00-8:10

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:40-9:10
Oppenheimer (R) 10:25AM
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:10-10:50-1:10-2:10-4:05-5:10-7:10-8:10-10:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 4:15-6:55-9:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:20-11:00-11:40-12:20-1:00-1:40-3:00-3:40-4:20-5:40-6:20-7:00-8:20-9:00-9:40
Elemental (PG) 10:55-1:35
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Nun II (R) 4:05-4:50-7:20-8:00-9:55-10:30
Talk to Me (R) 7:35-10:05
The Hill (PG) 11:05-1:55-4:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-7:20-9:40
Retribution (R) 11:35-2:35

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 2:35-4:15-7:30-10:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 2:00-6:30-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) 2:45-6:00-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 3:00-6:45-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) (!) 2:15-3:15-6:15-7:00-10:00-11:00
The Nun II (R) (!) 4:00-7:15-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) (!) 6:00-9:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:45-4:50-7:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:50
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:10-5:10-8:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:50
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:20-5:30-7:00-8:10
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-8:05
Retribution (R) CC: 12:25-2:50

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
The Goonies (PG) 4:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30; 2:30-3:15-4:15-4:45-6:00-7:00-7:30-9:00-9:45-10:15
The Nun II (R) OC: 5:30; 8:15
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC: 1:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:00-3:50-7:00-10:00
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 6:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC: 1:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Strays (R) CC: 6:20-8:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 4:00-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:00
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:30-9:45
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia 2:30
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 2:55
The Miracle Club (PG-13) CC: 1:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:45-7:30-10:15
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30
Talk to Me (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
The Hill (PG) CC: 1:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30-9:45
Retribution (R) CC: 3:30-10:00
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:15-9:30
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:30
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 1:00-4:45-8:30
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 6:00-8:30
The Good Mother (R) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
No More Bets 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
The Goonies (PG) 4:40
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:15-5:30-7:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:30-3:45-8:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:10-2:10-4:15-5:15-7:20-8:20
Strays (R) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 2:45-5:45-8:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:15
Jawan (Hindi) 4:00-8:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:15-8:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-7:00
The Hill (PG) CC: 2:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:10-3:40-6:10-8:45
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 6:00-8:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 1:20
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 3:30-6:15-9:00
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:15-3:15-6:00-8:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 8:00; 5:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:20-5:10-8:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:05-2:10-4:50-7:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:55-2:25
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:20-3:20-7:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:40-7:40
Strays (R) CC: 2:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:10
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:10-7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:20
Bottoms (R) CC: 5:10-7:40
The Good Mother (R) 11:50AM

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:35-3:20-6:10-8:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:05
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:05-8:05
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:30-7:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:25-4:00-6:30
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 12:25-3:55
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:40-7:45
Strays (R) CC: 2:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 12:10-6:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 12:50
Jawan (Hindi) 5:15-8:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:05-4:10-7:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-7:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 11:50AM
Golda (PG-13) CC: 11:55-2:25
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:30-1:40-5:40-8:15
Retribution (R) CC: 2:40
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 12:35-4:30-8:25
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 12:45
The Good Mother (R) 3:40-6:05
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
No More Bets 3:00-8:45
Jawan: The IMAX 2D Experience 12:05-3:45-7:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:00-2:55-4:05-8:30

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 4:45-7:30
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 6:15
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 3:00-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 4:45-7:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 4:15-7:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:00-5:15-7:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:30

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Barbie (PG-13) 3:15
Oppenheimer (R) 3:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 3:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:45
Elemental (PG) 3:00
Jawan (Hindi) 3:45-7:45
My Animal (R) 7:30
Bottoms (R) 4:30
The Nun II (R) 4:00-7:00-10:05

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Barbie (PG-13) 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:30
Oppenheimer (R) 11:35-3:15-7:05-9:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:00
Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia 11:00-1:00
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Golda (PG-13) 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:10-9:40
Bottoms (R) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-10:35
Ganapati 10:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:35
Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia 3:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-7:15-9:30

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 11:40-2:25-5:10-7:50
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 12:25-4:05-7:35
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Oppenheimer (R) 11:55-3:40-7:25
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The Hill (PG) 11:50-2:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:10
Retribution (R) 5:40
The Good Mother (R) 12:10-2:30
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 7:00; 11:45-12:30-1:10-1:30-2:20-3:15-3:50-4:15-6:00-6:30

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Barbie (PG-13) 9:40-1:15-3:30-7:10
Oppenheimer (R) 9:45-12:05-3:35-6:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 9:50-12:15-2:35-5:05-7:40
The Miracle Club (PG-13) 4:30-6:15
Golda (PG-13) 9:50-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
Bottoms (R) 10:00-12:20-2:25-4:45-7:20
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 12:00
Jules (PG-13) 9:55-2:40-8:00

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 6:00
Strays (R) 3:00
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 12:00-10:20
Elemental (PG) 12:25
Jawan (Hindi) 12:50-4:40-8:30
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RDX: Robert Dony Xavier 1:30
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 9:50
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The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:10
Talk to Me (R) 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Barbie (PG-13) 12:10-12:50-4:00-7:10-10:00
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Jurassic Park - 30th Anniversary 3D (PG-13) 12:40-3:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 3:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-10:00

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
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Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
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Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 1:30-3:40
Talk to Me (R) 8:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:30
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Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Barbie (PG-13) 11:55-3:35
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 1:00
Mastaney (Punjabi) 4:50-8:30
Oppenheimer (R) 11:40-3:45-7:40
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The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 12:00
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Cheta Singh 2:30-5:40-9:00
The Nun II (R) 5:00-8:00
Kushi (Telugu) 12:00-3:50-7:50
Dream Girl 2 11:20-2:40-6:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00-9:40
Retribution (R) 4:45-7:20-9:45
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:50-4:30-8:10
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Regal Kingstowne & RPX
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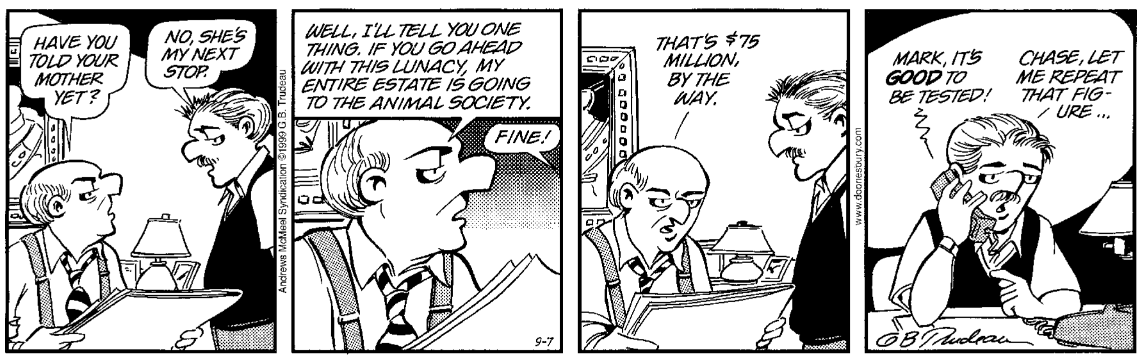
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8001 Gateway Promenade Place
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The Nun II (R) 6:30-9:20

Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:50
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Equalizer 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 9:15
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25-4:25
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 5:30

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road
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Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00
Elemental (PG) 12:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:15-4:15-7:15

CLASSIC DOONESBURY GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

E-W VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ K 7
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ A K
♣ J 10 7 6 5

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ A J 9 2
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ Q 8 4

EAST
♠ J 10 9 6 4 3 2
♥ K 5
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ None

SOUTH (D)
♠ A Q
♥ Q 10 7
♦ Q 6 5
♣ A K 9 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ J

In a penny game, North was the dreaded Grapefruit, my club member who is as ornery as a bunkhouse cook and makes his partners miserable.

At 3NT, dummy's ace won the first diamond, and Grapefruit played the deuce. When dummy led a club next, Grapefruit contributed the deuce of spades.

Declarer played the nine, letting West take his queen. West then resolutely led another diamond, South took four clubs, three diamonds and two spades, and Grapefruit boiled over like a pot of unwatched spaghetti.

"Partner," he snarled, "were my deuces not low enough for you? Shift to the deuce of hearts."

"I can't lead away from the ace," West said indignantly. "Declarer might have the king."

Grapefruit told the kibitzers that if somebody gave West a penny for his thoughts, they should get change back.

When West takes the queen of clubs, he can count nine tricks for declarer. Moreover, West should treat East's deuces in diamonds and spades as urging a shift to hearts.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ K 7 ♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ A K ♣ J 10 7 6 5

Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart, he bids one spade and you jump to 2NT. Partner then bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your 2NT invited game. Partner's three clubs expresses doubt about game and notrump but greatly improves your hand: You have no "wasted" heart honors opposite his singleton or void. Bid at least five clubs. Partner may hold A 9 6 4, None, Q J 8 6 4, A Q 8 3.

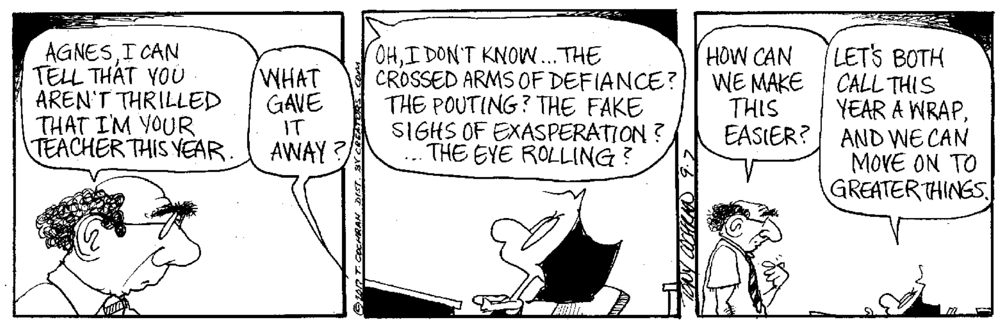
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RED AND ROVER BRIAN BASSET



AGNES TONY COCHRAN



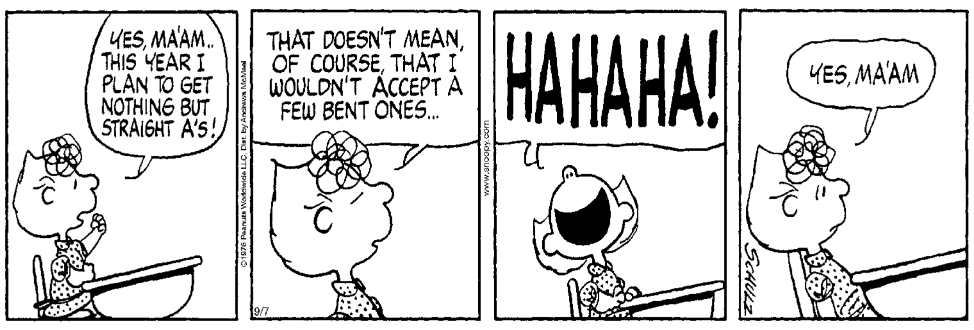
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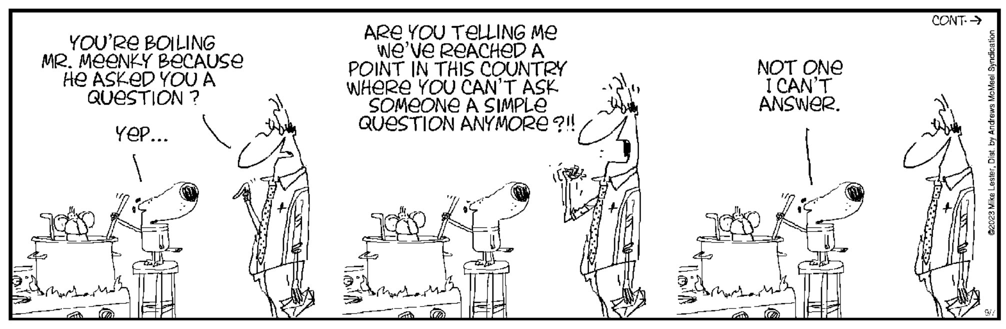
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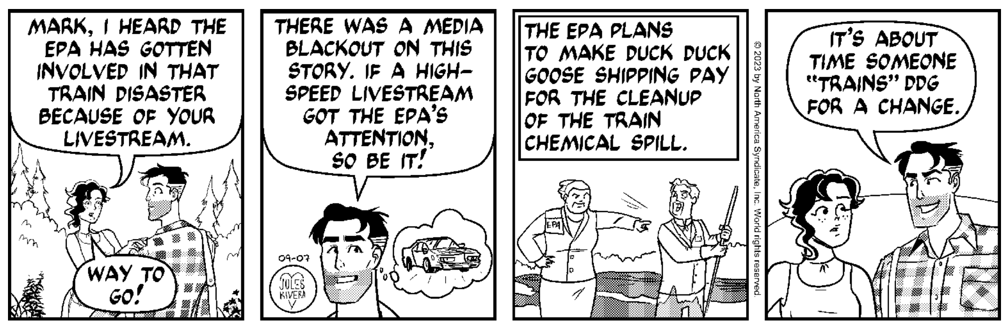
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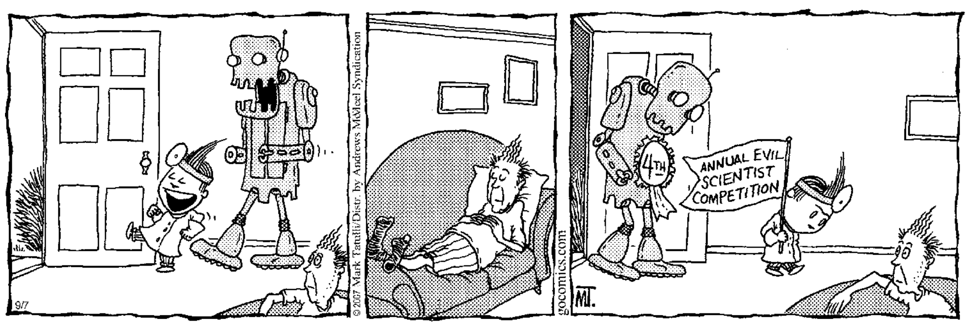
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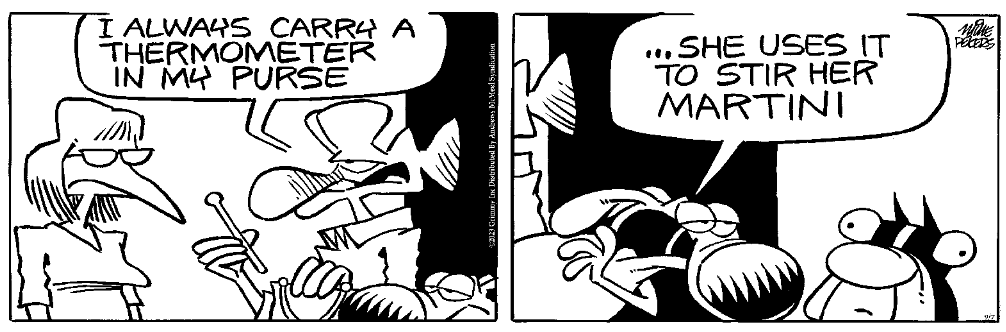
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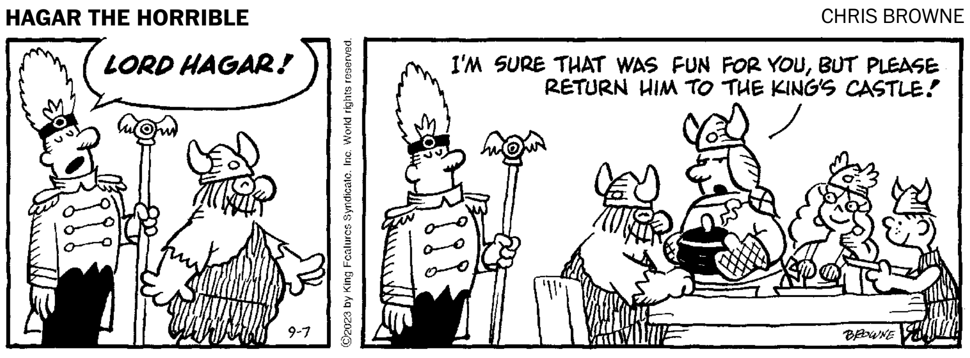
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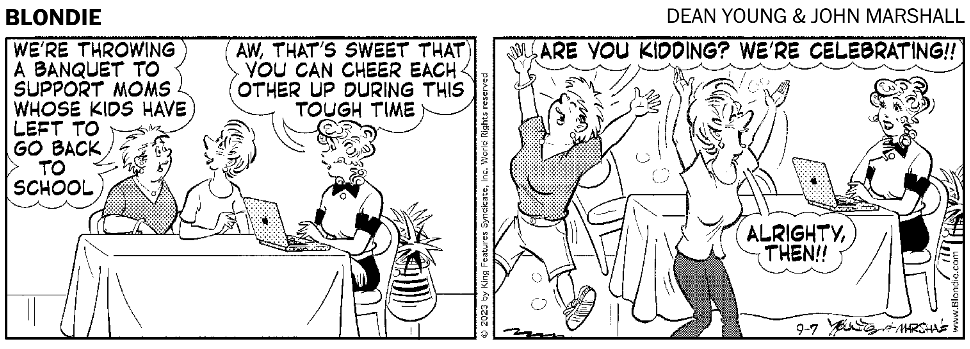
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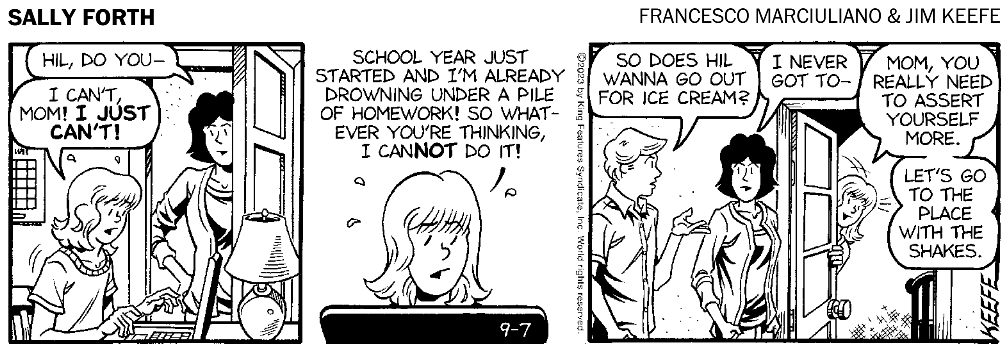
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BLONDIE DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

2	3		9	7		6		
				5	2	8		
						9		7
5				8				4
	7	4		1		2	6	
8				9				1
6		5						
		7	8	2				
		9		4	6		7	2

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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RACK 1: A1 E1 O1 L1 R1 R1 C3

RACK 2: A1 A1 E1 G2 G2 R1 B3 — Triple Word Score

RACK 3: E1 E1 I1 U1 M3 X8 H4

RACK 4: A1 E1 I1 T1 M3 R1 P3 — 1st Letter Double

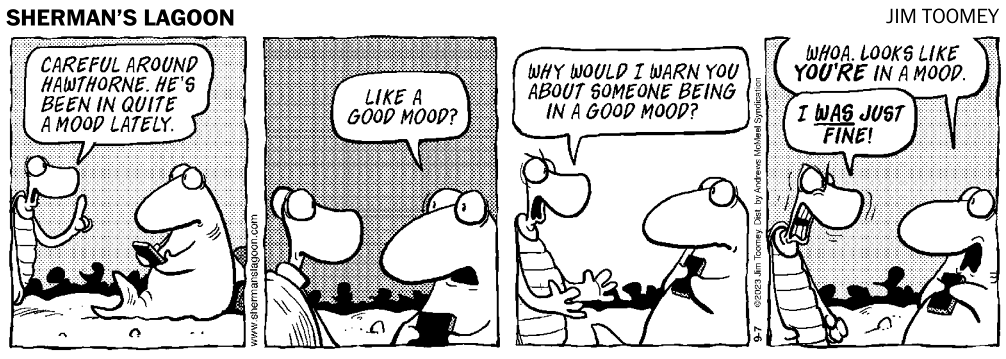
PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 224
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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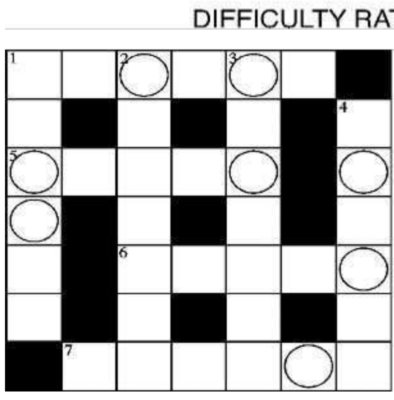


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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



9-7-23

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Team ____	STOCAM
5. Urgency	HTEAS
6. Born earlier	EEDRL
7. Strain	SRSTSE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ sweater	RMOAHI
2. Cher film	UTSCSPE
3. Late	EVODERU
4. Remains, trash	BIDRES

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS
CLUE: There are 46 species of this fish.

ANSWERS: 1A-Mascot 5A-Haste 6A-Elder 7A-Stress 1D-Mohair 2D-Suspect 3D-Overdue 4D-Debris B-Seahorse

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MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL



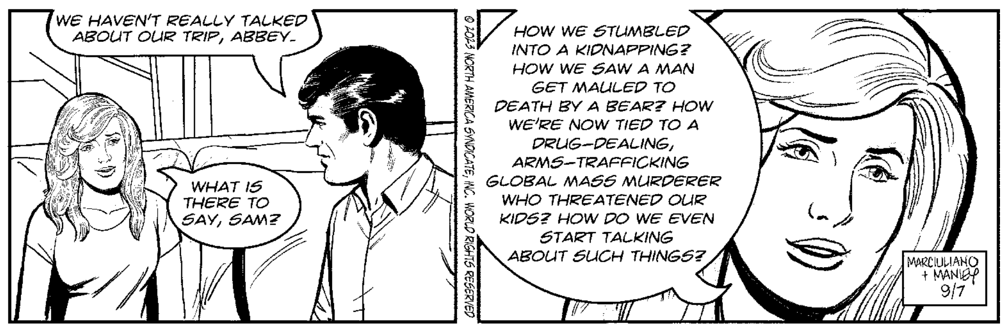
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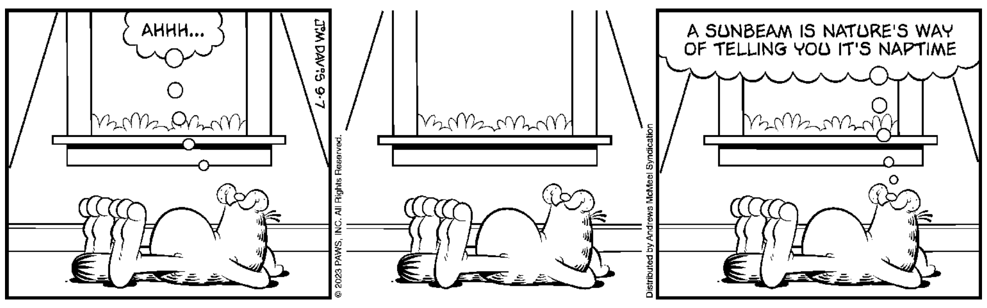
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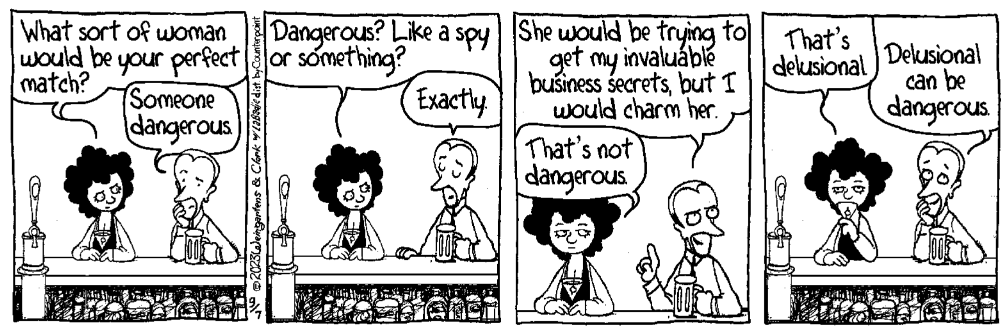
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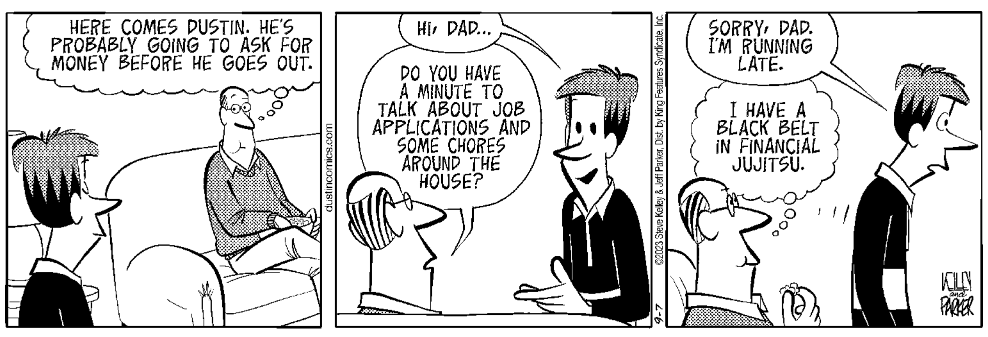
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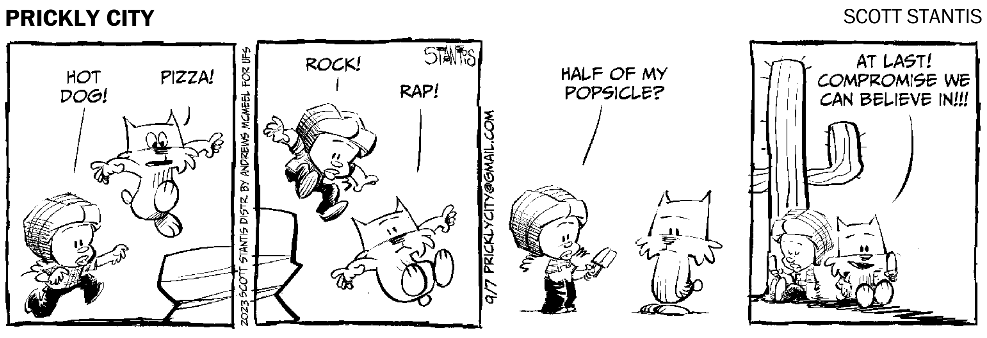
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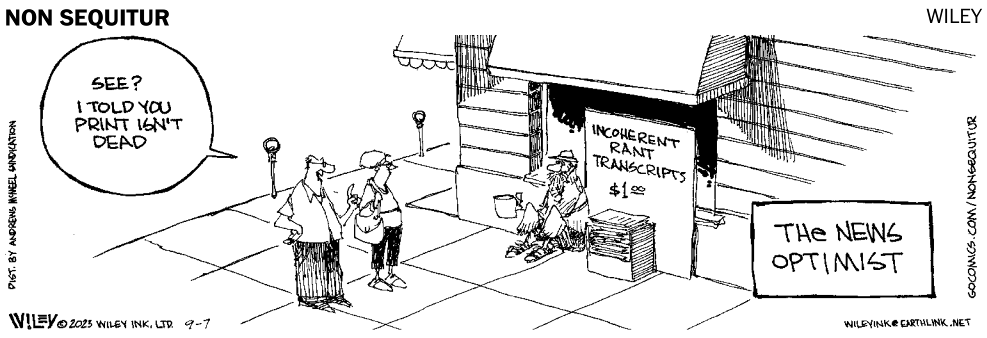
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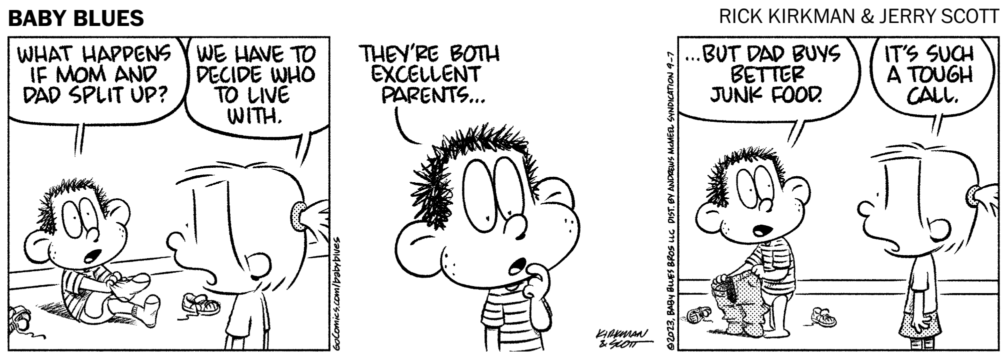
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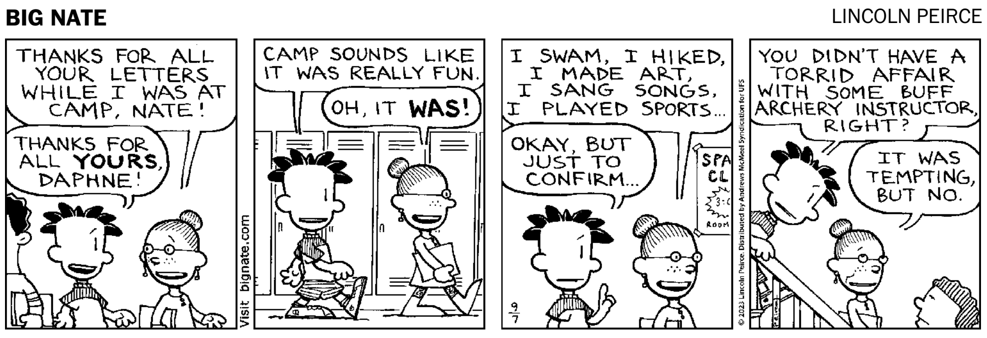
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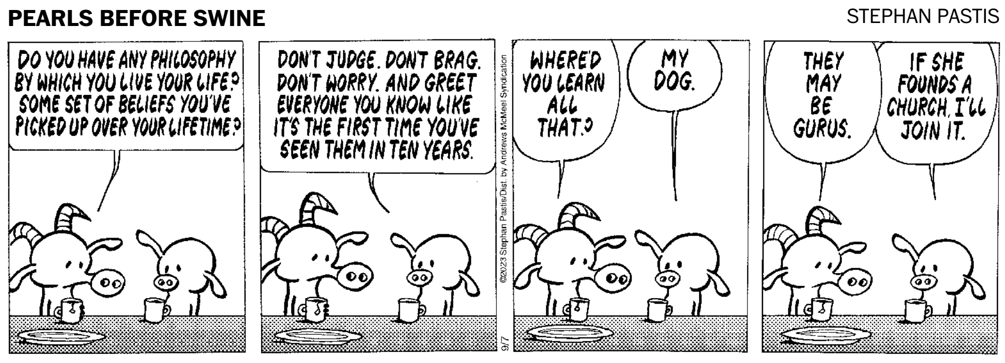
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BIRTHDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

You are spontaneous, and you love knowledge. You set high standards for yourself and for others. You are not a quitter. This is a year of change. Expect increased personal freedom. Let go of whatever has been holding you back so you can seek out new opportunities.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 6 p.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is a poor day for important decisions or new ideas (especially by siblings, relatives or neighbors), because wishful thinking and, in some cases, fuzzy thinking is rampant. Keep this in mind.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
If shopping today, be careful about buying luxurious, elegant items – things you might not purchase at other times. Certainly, keep your receipts (and the box), because today is the classic day for wishful thinking.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with dreamy Neptune, which makes you starry-eyed and full of wishful thinking. Not only might you be absorbed with ideas about "what if," you also might be the victim of someone who gives you false information.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Something going on behind the scenes might create confusion today. For example, someone might withhold important information from you. Or, vice versa, they might tell you something that is incorrect because they are in error or they are deceiving you.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Be leery when talking to friends or members of groups and organizations today. The truth might be elusive. Someone might not know what they're talking about. Someone else might think they know what they're talking about.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
For some reason, people might be confused about you today. They might misunderstand your intentions, or they might not trust you. You are certainly in the limelight, and people notice you more than usual.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Don't believe everything you hear today, because it will be easy for you to fall for someone's fancy rhetoric or propaganda. This most likely will relate to religion, politics or something in the news.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
This is a poor day to agree to financial matters, especially related to inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt or the wealth and resources of someone else. You might not have all the facts.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Be extra clear in conversations with close friends, partners and spouses today, because you might be operating under a serious delusion about something.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
If you're doing a specific task today, double-check everything. You might have the wrong information. Definitely, if something doesn't seem right to you or it doesn't feel right, check it out, because today is full of classic errors, wishful thinking and even deceit.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Romantic disappointment is likely today. If so, you have to ask yourself if your expectations were realistic. Did you express your expectations? Unexpected expectations almost guarantee disappointment.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Family discussions might be confusing today. Someone might want to do something even if it isn't doable. Wishful thinking might propel their actions. Be careful about alcohol or drug problems, because this is a tough day for them.

— Georgia Nicols

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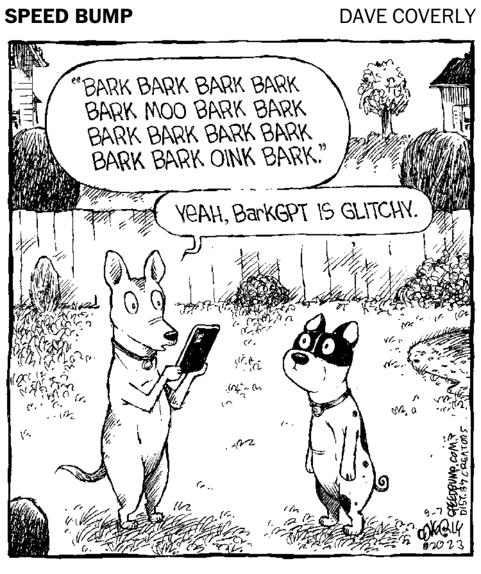
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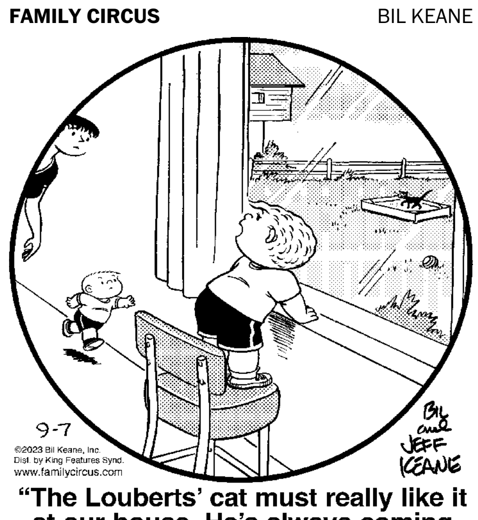
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"The Loubberts' cat must really like it at our house. He's always coming over to play in our sandbox."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



After going viral, ‘Master’s Pupil’ becomes indie success

VIDEO GAME FROM C1



“Working at my own pace was wonderful, this nice experience, like chipping away at giant marble,” said Pat Naoum, creator and artist of “The Master’s Pupil.”

PHOTOS BY PAT NAOUM GAMES

one person. But Naoum’s creative process stands out in a crowd of idealistic, independent programmers.

“Painting paper is one-to-one; you put paint on a canvas. Even digitally drawing, it’s still a one-to-one scenario,” Naoum said. But coding is a different thing altogether, he said: One tweak can ripple invisibly across the entire work. “It was just so hard to get my head around it. It’s definitely like learning another language, because it has all this grammar and syntax.”

Naoum’s journey started when he played “Braid,” a 2008 breakout indie hit by Jonathan Blow that revitalized the games industry and ushered in a new generation of solo projects. For Naoum, a lightbulb went off: Video games can be made by a single person. “The Master’s Pupil,” which was released in late July, is a similar game in tone and gameplay, a 2D platformer a la “Super Mario Bros.” with a focus on solving physics puzzles.

To support himself financially, Naoum partnered with a friend to start a web design company. He provided the art for websites that his partner coded and created, while teaching himself to code and planning out his game. For years, he would end his day early at 4 p.m. to focus on his game, one hour out of the workday.

“In film, you can’t actually be a filmmaker all the time,” Naoum said, referring to the sprints of filming that last for only months throughout the year. “But I could be a game maker every day, for an hour a day.”

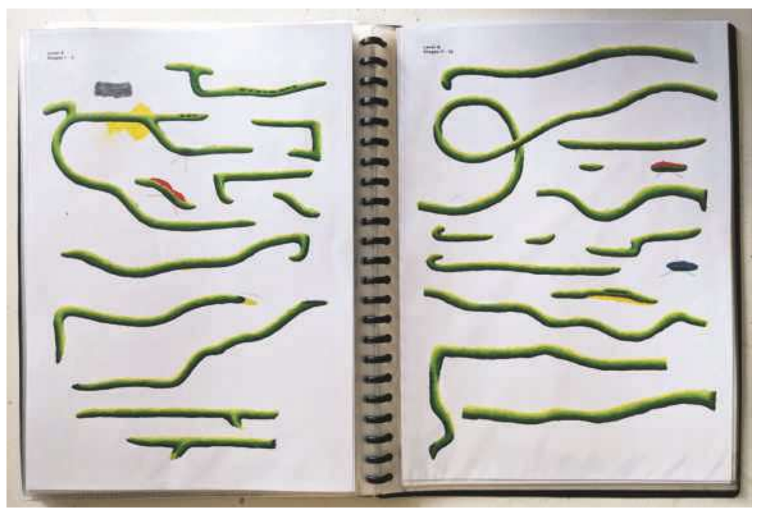
Naoum knew he wanted to tell the story of a human’s life span with an emotional punch. The inspiration for setting the game in someone’s eye came from Armenian physics teacher and photographer Suren Manvelyan, who took close-ups of the human eye. Naoum thought these looked like landscape photography, “twisting vines surrounding the deep abyss of the pupil.”

“I thought I could start at the edge of the iris, which represents the start of a person’s life, and we’d move towards the pupil over the course of their life, and the pupil would be looking down into the abyss of death,” Naoum said. “I spent years wondering who this person would be.” He toyed with the idea of following the life of a World War II survivor growing old throughout the 20th century, but because of his relative youth, Naoum said it “seems insincere.”

Then Naoum thought back to his art studies and the life of Monet, who suffered from cataracts. Monet’s deteriorating eyesight informed his later work, which would eventually influence more abstract styles of painting. Finally, Naoum found his muse. The title of his game has two meanings: It refers to Monet’s pupil, as well as Naoum himself, a pupil of Monet’s work.

Once he came to grips with programming code, he began to design levels. True to the handcrafted nature of the project, he would first design puzzles by laying out cue cards on his wall and floor before coding them into a computer.

“I then screenshot those, print them out and get them all organized in Photoshop, paint over them really precisely,” said Naoum, describing his process of fusing programming to paint. He used a



film negative scanner to digitize his artwork at a high fidelity before transferring it back into the game.

Naoum wanted to incorporate Monet’s real-life paintings. In the final game, a player’s success is often rewarded by a dozen or so pieces scrolling together to create one of the impressionist master’s full works. It’s a storytelling moment, marking milestones in Monet’s life, and also a visual reward for clever players.

If the work sounds lonely, Naoum assures that it wasn’t. He shared office space with several other creatives who worked on their own projects and provided valuable feedback to his game.

Plus, the solo project offered a reprieve from client-driven design work. “It was this nice moment of not having to compromise with someone. In an artistic way, I was doing my own thing, but I also wasn’t holding anyone back,” he said. “Working at my own pace was wonderful, this nice experience, like chipping away at giant marble.”

The project got real momentum once Naoum applied for and received a grant through Screen Australia, the country’s government body that supports productions in film, TV and games. He received about 140,000 Australian dollars (roughly $90,000).

“When I first heard about it, I thought, ‘That sounds great, but I’m just one guy chipping away at a project,’ but my girlfriend convinced me: ‘If you don’t get it, at least you tried. But if you do get it, it will be life-changing,’” he said. At that moment, he was already half a decade into the project and felt the passage of time wearing on him.

“I was still taking a pay cut,” he said, adding: “My friends were moving into their 30s, becoming successful, and I was still essentially working part time and battling this process of making a game.”

The passage of time is not only a theme of the game, but it also helped Naoum gain viral attention. As part of the marketing strategy he created in applying for the grant, he outlined posting on TikTok and Instagram at a regular schedule, turning himself into an amateur social media content creator. On June 29, he posted a TikTok showcasing the passage of seven years with two clips of himself, one in which he has short, cropped hair and another from this year in which he has hair past his shoulders. The next clip shows the artistic product of those seven years. It stunned TikTok users and gained more than 1 million views in a day.

“Twisting my ankle running to Steam to add it to my wishlist!” one comment said. “7 years of hard work protect this guy at all costs,” said another.

Earlier this year, “The Master’s Pupil” was on the Steam wish list of 150 people. By launch day, 20,000 people were lining up for the game.

“My friends have asked me if I would cash in on this, whether being an influencer would become a side hustle,” Naoum said. “I was like: ‘There’s no side hustle. It’s the game, man. That was the side hustle.’”

“The Master’s Pupil” launched as an indie success that already has a community of speedrunners competing to finish the game in the fastest time. It’s beyond what Naoum hoped to achieve, and now that he has brushed up his programming chops, he wants to make another game. He already has one in his mind, and it’s just a matter of getting back to work after a break. He wants to create a game that offers a similar serene vibe in a 3D environment.

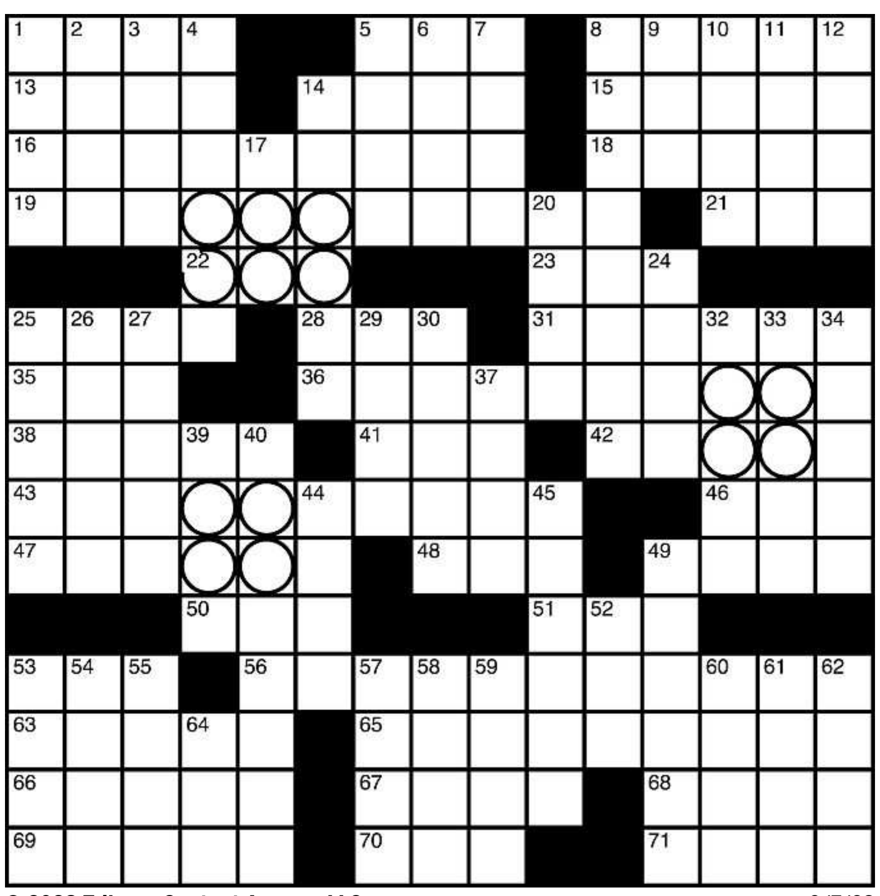
“I wanted to do film, but then I moved into gaming because it has all these things: art, music, animation, acting, writing and hundreds of other things it could be,” Naoum said. “At the end of the day, you get to play it. That’s what makes games different from everything else.”

He’s also very well wary of painting himself into a corner.

“I joke that the next one will be in Van Gogh’s ear.”

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Amie Walker



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WEDNESDAY’S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Grandparents choose ‘bonkers’ names



Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My in-laws have informed us of the monikers they would like our new daughter to use for them, and they are ridiculous. I can make peace with the one my father-in-law wants — a spin on “Papa” — but the one my mother-in-law wants is an actual proper name that bears no relation to her own name. Think: Her name is “Donna,” and she wants her grandchild, but only her grandchild, to call her “Gabrielle.” It’s bonkers.

I’m all for letting people be called what they want to be called, but … this is weird, right? Is it weird enough to say something over? And if so, what? Or do I just inwardly roll my eyes for the next decade? I cannot say this name with a straight face.

— Anonymous

Anonymous: I got to your question after I scrolled through about 15 others based on world events I can’t fix, so please know that has enormous bearing on the answer I’m about to give:

Embrace the bat[poop] awesomeness of this with all your might, and call them exactly what they want. Your daughter will then mangle it in her own way and make it even better. Don’t even think of ruining this gift with eye-rolls. Wrap it in a chartreuse feather boa and toast it with something pink and fizzy and served with a paper umbrella.

A reader’s thoughts:

• Yes, please embrace the bonkers. My mother is very much a “glamma not grandma” kind of lady and had some fancy name she wanted my niece to call her. Toddlers being toddlers, my niece mangled it, and anyway, now my mom is “Lump” to six kids. My mom has tried to change this for 16 years and with each new baby, and none of the grandkids will adjust. My niece even tells my mom that she can’t wait to get “Lump” tattooed on herself when she turns 18. My mom also hates tattoos and can’t seem to internalize that my niece is trolling her.

I admit, it’s pretty hilarious to see my 8-year-old run across a soccer field yelling “LUMP! LUMP!” when he sees my mom on the sidelines, groomed impeccably. (My mom won’t even wear jeans, let alone sweats.)

Hi Carolyn: I’m so fortunate to have two very dear friends, though they are not friends with each other. Lately, both have had a lot of discord but inevitably stay in the status quo while making increasingly questionable choices. I have hit empathy fatigue and just really can’t keep discussing the same things over and over. I’m also trying not to ghost them while I recharge with more rewarding activities and people. Should I just say, “Hey, I need a two-month break from your problems”? Seems selfish, because they live with their problems every day. But withdrawing without explanation seems selfish, too.

— Not Feeling Supportive

Not Feeling Supportive: Right idea, possibly wrong time units. “I’m drained right now, and guessing you are, too. What do you think about giving each other X minutes to unload — after which we agree to talk about something else?”

Could be the start of something (a lot more) interesting.

Write to Carolyn Hax at *tellme@washpost.com*. Get her column delivered to your inbox each morning at *wapo.st/gethax*.

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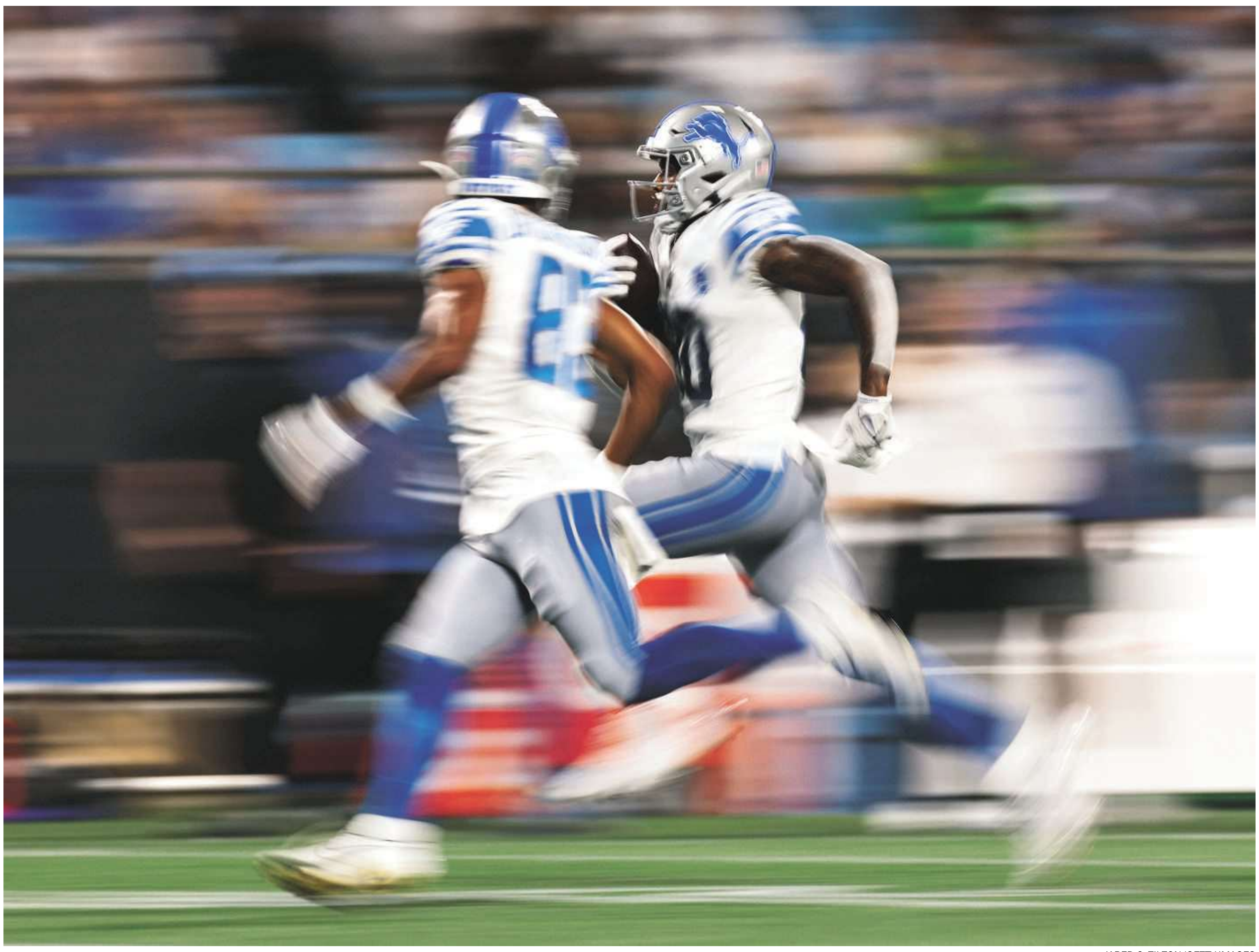
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The Detroit Lions, who last season had eight wins in their final 10 games, will be off to the races Thursday night against the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs.

'This is not pressure'

The Lions have hope that just might match the hype. What could go wrong?



Jerry Brewer

As the Detroit Lions enter a season with unfamiliar hype, the optimism isn't always accompanied by anticipation — more like trepidation. Beneath all the legitimate reasons to finally trust this woebegone franchise, the past lurks so menacingly that you can't resist fearing the Lions might upset the football gods and be forced to rehire Matt Patricia as punishment.

For the Lions, hype doesn't inspire an exploration of the possibilities. They've had so many lows that any trace of a high makes you wonder whether they have the perspective and humility to handle it. The preseason began with the fearless Dan Campbell, who will never live down his kneecap-biting introduction two years ago, admitting as much.

"The thing that's going to worry you is the hype train," the coach said as the team prepared for his third season. "This thing is just taking off, and it's out of control right now."

For the past six weeks,

Lions at Chiefs
Today, 8:20 p.m., NBC

Campbell has tried to condition the Lions to remain the hard-charging squad that won eight of its final 10 games last season to arrive at perhaps the most anticipated campaign in team history. The Lions aren't just well-regarded. They are *fun* and well-regarded, so much so that the NFL chose Detroit to visit Kansas City, Mo., and challenge the defending champion Chiefs on Thursday night to open the season.

SEE **BREWER** ON **D6**



Here comes the NFL: We've got everything you need to get ready for the new season. **Section F**

Keys keeps run going, cruises into semifinals

Vondrousova tumbles in straight sets on hot day at U.S. Open

BY AVA WALLACE

NEW YORK — In what has been a round of lopsided quarterfinal matches for the women at the U.S. Open, Madison Keys offered one last entry Wednesday night. The American defeated reigning Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova, 6-1, 6-4, in 86 minutes at Arthur Ashe Stadium — and that wasn't even swift, relative to the others.

Second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka beat Qinwen Zheng earlier in the day by the same score but took 13 fewer minutes, the fast play all the better to beat the smothering heat. Temperatures reached 94 degrees with humidity above 50 percent, the heavy air leaving players drenched in sweat at best

SEE **U.S. OPEN** ON **D5**

U.S. Open: Women's semifinals
Today, 7 p.m., ESPN

Upheaval in organization looms over walk-off win

NATIONALS 3, METS 2

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

Behind the scenes, well beyond Wednesday's 3-2 win over the New York Mets — a victory capped by a walk-off single from rookie Jacob Young — the Washington Nationals informed at least 10 scouts that they will not have their contracts renewed, according to two people familiar with the matter. The decisions came shortly after Johnny DiPuglia, the team's longtime head of international scouting, resigned last week. And this all comes while Mike Rizzo, the club's longtime general manager and president of baseball operations, is still without a contract beyond this season.

Rizzo is still negotiating with

SEE **NATIONALS** ON **D3**

Dodgers at Nationals
Tomorrow, 7 p.m., MASN2

By valuing Black prospects, Brandt helped change the NFL



Kevin B. Blackistone

Coincidently, Doug Williams was in Canton, Ohio, last weekend at the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic when the news came: Gil Brandt, hailed as the progenitor of modern NFL scouting for his architectural derring-do in helping Tex Schramm and Tom Landry build and maintain the Dallas Cowboys over their first three decades, had died. Brandt was 91.

Or maybe it is more accurate to say it was appropriate that Williams was at the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic when Brandt, a White guy from Milwaukee who never played football beyond high school, died.

Because it was Brandt, perhaps more so than anyone, who provided immediate imprimatur to the shrine Williams co-founded in 2009 as an original selection committee member for honorees.

"That's why we selected him to be one of the persons picking players who go into the Hall of Fame," Williams pointed out to me this week, "because of who Gil was and what he's done over the years.

"You look at some of the guys Gil brought into Dallas from Grambling — Gil was the guy that was well known," Williams added. "And on that committee, Gil knew [the Black college players]. He could tell you what they did in college."

Paul Brown, who founded his namesake professional football team, the Cleveland Browns, in 1946 in the All-America Football Conference, is credited with reintegrating professional football that year by signing running back Marion Motley and defensive tackle Bill Willis. But both were a few years out from having starred in college football — Motley at Nevada and Willis at Ohio State. Pro football had

SEE **BLACKISTONE** ON **D5**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

A new coach, a bundle of nerves and a hidden clock: Inside Week 1 at Springbrook High. **D3**

PRO FOOTBALL

The 49ers' Nick Bosa, the reigning defensive player of the year, ends holdout, gets $170 million deal. **D6**

The incredible tale of an American Down Under

Mason Cox, once a college basketball walk-on, somehow became an Australian rules football star



DYLAN BURNS/AFL PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

Mason Cox stands out in his adopted country as the 6-foot-11 star of famed AFL squad Collingwood.

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — The story of Mason Cox thrums with a giddy torrent of are-you-kidding-me. It exceeds far-fetched, romps on past farcical and turns up at preposterous.

A 6-foot-11 engineering major who played soccer in high school, who played just 57 minutes across three seasons of basketball as a walk-on at Oklahoma State, who accepted a job at ExxonMobil in Houston around December 2013 and who had never heard of Australian rules football until age 23 in 2014, has played 116 games in the roughhouse sport (which short-circuits many a career at single digits), has had 10 surgeries (six on eyes), has earned Australian citizenship and has felt the Australian accent take up happy residence, especially in his vowels.

He has spent offseasons climbing Machu Picchu, marveling at Patagonia, roaming the Swiss Alps, exploring remote Australia and fly-fishing for brown rainbow trout in New Zealand. And as he starts this exalted month on the Australian sports calendar in the eight-team football "finals" as a mainstay in the position of ruck with the famed and top-seeded Collingwood

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One giant leap propelled Cox to unexpected stardom in Australian rules football

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club, he is famous here while remaining decidedly unfamous where he grew up, 15 time zones away.

"Makes no sense," he begins one day while dining in a swell cafe in Richmond, a funky inner suburb of Melbourne.

It makes no sense, but some gawk unmistakably during that dinner at the Melbourne icon Chin Chin, while others gawk intermittently as guileful gawkers, while others don't gawk at all because it's a metropolis of 5 million with varied cultural vigor even as it's bonkers for sports. A waitress quickly states, "I appreciate what you do."

A fan outside the Melbourne Cricket Ground five nights earlier didn't gawk per se; he just about jumped out of his skin at the sight of Cox coming around the bend after a comfortable win to close what Americans would call the regular season. (He got a photo.) The man at the dry cleaners doesn't gawk, but he does revel and chatter upon Cox's arrival.

It makes no sense, but a friend recently told Cox he has "the perfect setup": celebrity perks in Australia, anonymity elsewhere. "I don't think many people play in front of 80,000 people," Cox says, "and have the ability to fly a few hours and nobody knows who you are." Trips to America grant a fame "detox," when he can walk a bonanza of humanity such as Sixth Street in Austin or go to a Dallas Mavericks game with only rare moments of someone walking by and saying, "Oh, my God, what are you doing here?" — that someone invariably being Australian.

Somehow, the same Mason Cox whose devoted parents would drive the seven-hour round trip to Oklahoma State "just to see me hanging out on the bench and watch the 'Kiss Cam,' " wound up in places such as the Paddock Club at Melbourne's annual Formula One shindig.

"I go there every year," he says, "and I'm like: 'I have no right or reason to be here. I'm a broke-ass college basketball player, and I'm just hanging out on the pit lane. Why am I here? How am I here? How does this happen?' "

It happens weirdly.

'We just showed up'

Jeanette and Phillip Cox met at college when both arrived late for chemistry class and the professor assigned them as lab partners, raised three sons who sprouted to 6-6 (Nolan), 6-8 (Austin) and the 6-11 baby Mason, whose six-inch growth the summer before his senior year in high school prompted schoolmates to say, "What the f--- did you eat?"

Mason followed Nolan to Oklahoma State and walked around as your everyday 6-11 engineering student. He wound up helping the women's basketball team practice, which included simulating Baylor's Brittney Griner. The men's coaches found him, brought him to practice and handed him some ankle braces, causing a delay because he did not know how to put them on.

He also did not know how to check into a game, so the first time he tried, someone behind the scorer's table had to tell him to quit obstructing the view and kneel the hell down. He played in three games in 2011-12, eight in 2012-13 and 13 in 2013-14. He took three shots and made two. He took 10 free throws and made three. He "could barely make a layup," he says, and dreaded pregame left-hand-layup drills. He did go in against Kansas in 2014 and get two stops against Joel Embiid, loosing a ruckus in the crowd and foretelling his fondness for a good, hard scrap.

As Marcus Smart's Oklahoma State lost, 85-77, to Gonzaga in the NCAA tournament's round of 64 in San Diego in 2014, Cox played a whopping 10 of his 57 total college minutes. Broadcasters marveled at how he had never played organized basketball until 2½ years prior, which caught the attention of Jonathan Givony, the basketball prospects guru with Australian connections. That led to a puzzling call to Cox from Oklahoma State media relations, which led to a free trip to Los Angeles for a combine of a faraway sport.

"We just showed up, did the 3K time trial on a random track with, like, an adult league soccer game going on in the middle of it, and there were, like, grandmas in their rockers, walking on the track," Cox says. "And we were, like, running a time for a 3K time trial. We're having to, like, run around other people just going for a casual stroll on a Sunday."

They tried the vital Australian art of kicking, but then: "Basketball players don't really have hand-to-foot coordination, so you can imagine how many footballs went left, right, center, hit people in the face, all this other stuff. Like, absolute chaos."

Two things favored Cox: height and soccer, the latter having decorated his minor years with an abundance of travel, including abroad. Endurance matters deeply in the harshness of Australian rules football; players can run a half-marathon per match. Soon came brother Nolan acting as agent and fielding phone calls from Australian clubs at wee hours. Soon came a why-not free trip to Australia.

"We took those two weeks," Mason says, "and just walked around like absolute idiots, not knowing what to expect. And we found out the game was real, found out people were into it, with massive crowds and massive following and stuff here, and got plastered all over the media and everything else."

They did *a news conference.*

"I was a walk-on in college," Mason says. "I never did a press conference in my life. I guess people didn't understand I wasn't like a big person in sport back in America. This was like some guy who scrubbed the bottom of the barrel."

It made no sense and led to a momentous brotherly conversation near a boathouse on Port Phillip Bay just beneath Melbourne. Nolan, five years older, advised Mason that his youth allowed ample time for mounting this wild stallion of an adventure. Mason signed with the Magpies of Collingwood, a club whose stature often results in being translated into American as "Dallas Cowboys" or "New York Yankees."

He lived as a novelty with a give-it-three-years mind-set. He rode the rapids of resentment from those who wondered why an interloper might supplant some Australian who had slept dreaming with a football as a kid (even though Irish interlopers from Gaelic football had done likewise). He learned in the minors this game played on a gigantic oval with many, many players (18 on each side). He aimed for the largest stadium in the Southern Hemisphere, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, surrounded by statues of legends he knew not, such as cricketers Shane Warne and Sir Donald Bradman, or footballers Ron Barassi and Leigh Matthews. He debuted there for Collingwood in 2016 and scored a goal (six points) on his first kick 80 seconds in as the tallest player ever in the AFL and the second American — following Jason Holmes, who played in five games between 2014 and 2017.

He didn't star, but he didn't fade, either.

He played the position called ruck, which "doesn't need as much of a skill set as other players," he says, which rewards height and which, he says, requires three foremost talents: jumping, wrestling (as for catches called marking) and tapping the ball to teammates. He says, "Essentially your goal is to give it to other people," and, "I don't have to be the best kicker, the best handball."

He loved the banging, "to have this one-on-one battle: Who can push their body further?" He loved that push: "Playing basketball, we did some crazy runs and crazy conditioning, stuff like that, and I thought, like, 'Oh, man, my body could never go any further than that.' But then I came to the AFL and I was like, 'Holy s---, there's a whole 'nother level to this!' " He reckoned the sport a mash of every other sport: "I genuinely do believe it's the hardest sport in the world."

Finding home

At a recent Collingwood match, a 101-31 wipeout of Essendon before 74,344 on a Friday night when at least one Essendon fan upturned a table on his way out, four-decade Collingwood fan Dave Skinner of Sydney wore a Cox No. 46 jersey with "USA! USA!" along the back. An air-freight manager for airline Qantas who flies around the vast country watching Collingwood, Skinner started wearing the shirt to support Cox and his story — and to needle a friend who had needled Skinner about supporting Cox.

"He's taken a chance that really very few are given," Skinner says, "and it perhaps helps that he was put into the Collingwood system. . . . And to remain in that AFL [roster], he's got to work hard and got to prove himself as well. He's not just there for the novelty to sell merchandise or to get media attention." He praises Cox's determination, speaks of his knack for ruck and says, "We can't really ask more of him than that, and on the days he has the breakout games it's even better."

The utmost breakout came at the 2018 "preliminary final" against Richmond, similar to an NFL conference championship game, in which a Collingwood upset thwarted a fourth straight Richmond title. "Cox tore the game away from the Tigers," Sarah Black wrote for Collingwood, "in a withering three-goal burst to open the second quarter, putting the Pies up by 42 and inviting a chant of 'USA! USA!' to envelop the MCG."

He has had downturns, as when playing time waned in 2021, and he has had comebacks, as with 32 games the past two seasons and a fresh two-year contract extension just cemented.

He also has had surgeries, including one on the eyes that left him bedridden for two weeks in a dark room without seeing and one last March on the spleen.

The former helped usher in his distinction as the first AFL player in goggles. The latter involved a half-gallon of blood lost before the surgery, one-third of his spleen lost during and one ear chewed out after from a caller in Texas, who stated her objection to learning of her son's surgeries through media reports.

"It's just such a brutal game," Cox says. "Your body's not meant to be able to take that kind of impact. And knowing that, you go in there knowing you're going to be under the knife quite a few times." So: "Everyone's always got something that's somewhat injured. No one's sitting there going, 'I feel the freshest I've ever felt.' No one ever says that."

It makes no sense but bears such fruits. He treasures the "skin name" he got from the Juru tribe — "Banbari" — an honor from Indigenous Australians who recognized his passion for their cause. He values Australians' capacity for realness, including calling friends without embarrassment to report blues or depression. He relishes the multinational Thanksgiving he and a dozen or so friends hold each early December, going around the table, telling of their past 365 days and often crying. He adores Australia as a new citizen starting to say "we" instead of "they."

"Australia's kind of like a golden nugget that no one really thinks about, you know?" he says. "It's a beautiful culture. It's first-world, amazing lifestyle. I think two or three of the cities are, like, in the top 10 most livable cities in the world. . . . So it's interesting because people come down here and they're like: 'Oh! I get it! I understand why you haven't left! I wouldn't, either!' But then I'm fortunate enough with football to be able to get back for two months a year and go see family and spend my time in the U.S. and have that feeling of home. But the longer I'm here, probably the more I see myself being here a long time."

After all, nine years after finishing with sports, he walks Melbourne sidewalks on a winter night in late August 2023, pointing out the hotel with the legendary bellhops, chatting briefly with a police officer and using the word "utopia" — a walking, towering demonstration of how life can be at its best when it makes no sense.



MICHAEL WILLSON/AFL PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

Mason Cox is the tallest player in the history of Australian rules football. His height (6-foot-11) and soccer background give him a leg up.



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Cox, 32, said he was unfamiliar with the sport before a 2014 tryout, and he remains perplexed by his success. "Makes no sense," he says.

DIGEST

SOCCER

In complaint, Hermoso says kiss was assault

Spanish star **Jenni Hermoso** filed a formal complaint with the attorney general's office accusing Spanish soccer federation president **Luis Rubiales** of sexual assault, prosecutors said Wednesday. Rubiales grabbed her during the World Cup final trophy ceremony for a kiss that she later said was not consensual.

Spain's High Court prosecutor opened a preliminary investigation Aug. 28 into whether Rubiales committed an act of sexual aggression. The decision followed several complaints by third parties and was based on a statement issued by the midfielder, who said she felt she was the victim of a "sexist act." For the authorities to be able to investigate the case, they needed the victim to report the case herself. Hermoso filed her complaint Tuesday at the attorney general's office. Because the alleged crime was committed by a Spanish citizen in a foreign country, the Spanish National High Court will have jurisdiction over the case.

The incident unleashed a wave of criticism in Spain, with many, including members of the government, calling for Rubiales's resignation. Rubiales said the kiss was consensual and accused Hermoso of lying.

Coach **Jorge Vilda**, who led the national team to the World Cup title, was fired Tuesday. Rubiales was provisionally suspended by FIFA while the investigation continues.

— Beatriz Ríos

Brianna Pinto scored in stoppage time as the North Carolina Courage defeated the Kansas City Current, 1-0, in the semifinals of the NWSL Challenge Cup in Kansas City, Kan.

COLLEGES

Iowa State quarterback **Hunter Dekkers** is among three athletes from his school and two from Iowa who pleaded guilty to underage gambling.

The five were among more than a dozen athletes from the schools who originally were charged with tampering with records, an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison.

The reduced charge carries a $650 fine, and the plea agreement closes legal proceedings against the five.

Also taking the plea were former Cyclones offensive lineman **Dodge Sauser**, current Iowa State offensive lineman **Jacob Remsburg**, former Iowa kicker **Aaron Blom** and former Iowa baseball player **Gehrig Christensen**. . . .

Virginia Tech tight end **Nick Gallo**, a senior captain, is out for the season after knee surgery.

OLYMPICS

A wide-ranging survey of athletes, coaches and administrators on the state of the U.S. Olympic system leveled criticism at the U.S. Center for SafeSport, with a draft report concluding that feedback collected about the 6-year-old agency "paints a picture of a center in potential crisis."

SafeSport CEO **Ju'Riese Colón** was among the Olympic leaders who testified at a hearing held by the congressionally appointed Commission on the State of the U.S. Olympics and Paralympics, which produced the survey that will be used to craft recommendations for changes to the U.S. Olympic system.

Colón painted a generally positive picture of the Denver-based center, which Congress formed in 2017 to deal with abuse allegations in Olympic sports. Her testimony was followed by presentations from a group of advocates who are critical of the center.

BASKETBALL

Luka Doncic was ejected as Slovenia lost to Canada in a FIBA World Cup quarterfinal in Manila.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 31 points as Canada prevailed, 100-89. The win sends Canada into a semifinal matchup with Serbia on Friday.

Doncic had 26 points but was ejected with 6:37 left after picking up his second technical foul.

The United States will play Germany in Friday's other semifinal. The Germans defeated Latvia, 81-79. . . .

Monique Billings set season highs with 15 points and 14 rebounds, and the Atlanta Dream beat the Seattle Storm, 79-68, in College Park, Ga., to clinch a WNBA playoff spot.

MISC.

John Hunter Nemechek will return to NASCAR's Cup Series next season when he joins Legacy Motor Club. He replaces **Noah Gragson**, who quit while under NASCAR suspension. . . .

Spain's **Jesús Herrada** pulled away on an uphill climb to win the 11th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race. American **Sepp Kuss** kept the overall lead for a fourth straight day, 26 seconds ahead of Spain's **Marc Soler**. . . .

The NHL's Arizona Coyotes signed General Manager **Bill Armstrong** to a multiyear contract extension as the franchise continues its rebuild. Terms were not disclosed.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NFL

8:20 p.m.	**Detroit at Kansas City** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11), WJFK (106.7 FM)

MLB

7:20 p.m.	**St. Louis at Atlanta** » MLB Network
10:30 p.m.	**Cleveland at Los Angeles Angels** » MLB Network (joined in progress)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m.	**Murray State at Louisville** » ACC Network

GOLF

8 a.m.	**DP World Tour: Irish Open, first round** » Golf Channel
4 p.m.	**LPGA Tour: Queen City Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
11:59 p.m.	**Asian Tour: Shinhan Donghae Open, second round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

10 a.m.	**UEFA Euro qualifying, Group H: Finland at Kazakhstan** » Fox Sports 2
Noon	**UEFA Euro qualifying, Group G: Montenegro at Lithuania** » Fox Sports 2
Noon	**Africa Cup of Nations qualifying, Group E: Central African Republic at Ghana** » beIN Sports
2:30 p.m.	**UEFA Euro qualifying, Group B: Ireland at France** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

7 p.m.	**WTA: U.S. Open, semifinals** » ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

7 p.m.	**North Carolina at South Carolina** » ESPNU
7 p.m.	**Illinois at Missouri** » SEC Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

8 p.m.	**Arizona at Wisconsin** » Fox Sports 1

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

8 p.m.	**Red Oak (Tex.) at Lake Belton (Tex.)** » ESPN2

After a summer of hard work, ‘Week 1 feels like a reward’

As the high school football season begins, Springbrook grapples with inexperience, pregame nerves and a hidden clock during its first game

BY MICHAEL ERRIGO

The entirety of the Springbrook varsity football team, roughly 40 players in all, lines up shoulder-to-shoulder on one side of the school's makeshift practice field. Somewhere near the middle of the line is Coach Akiel Russell, grinning in anticipation of what is about to happen.

It is the end of an afternoon practice just two days before the Blue Devils' season opener. Russell, in his first year with the top job, is going to close this session with sprints. Standing 6-foot-3 and less than a decade past his playing career as a defensive end, he towers over most of his players. They watch him for the signal to begin.

The coach gives them a hard count, and one player jumps early.

"You know what that means," Russell says. "Everyone, five steps back."

The players groan. After they get set again, Russell tries a different cadence and it works a second time: a single blue uniform bursts forward.

"Okay, who was that?" one player yells as the team takes five more steps in the wrong direction. "Chill out!"

Football programs across the D.C. area have entered a period of eagerness and imperfection. Over the past two weekends, every local school district began its season, which means every team has been through one of the sport's most complicated traditions: Week 1.

It is the moment when preparation gives way to execution — and when expectations first meet reality. Everything feels important and strange. Technique is often lacking, execution is often sloppy, and results are often deceiving.

"This game always feels different," Springbrook senior running back Ricky Dixon says. "You're starting everything off. At practice, you're trying to get better every day and work up to this. Week 1 feels like a reward."

For Springbrook, that reward was a home game Friday against Magruder. It would be a tough test for a young team and its new coach: Last year, Magruder beat the Blue Devils by 18 points. None of the players are sure whether this game will play out in a similar fashion, but the uncertainty of Week 1 means they can believe in a brighter future.

"You never really know what's going to happen," senior lineman Elijah Payne says.

"So there's nerves, but there's also excitement."

Preparation

There is a proud football tradition at Springbrook. Bob Milloy, the winningest coach in Maryland history, led the Blue Devils for 18 seasons as they became a powerhouse, winning six state titles between 1979 and 1989.

By the time Russell arrived as a player in the early 2000s, the program was in the afterglow of that dominance. He had never played football before he joined the team in 10th grade, but he took to the sport quickly. He liked being a part of something bigger than himself.

He earned a scholarship to Delaware State, where he starred as a fearsome defensive end. After college, he briefly joined the Washington Redskins, went to the American Indoor Football Association and then played semipro ball. As his playing career wound down, Russell realized he didn't want to stray far from the game.

"Before I started coaching football, I had some typical jobs," he says. "I was selling life insurance, making good money. But I didn't like it. I didn't have that passion."

He started coaching in 2009 as an assistant at Springbrook. From there, he bounced around to other schools. When the top job at Springbrook opened, it felt like an ideal opportunity.

But Russell, 37, inherited a program that felt unfamiliar to him. The Blue Devils have one winning season in the past decade, and player turnout has waned. But because he was a security assistant at the school, recruiting players was fairly simple.

"The staff in the building will help bring these new guys to me," he says with a laugh. "They see a kid with good size, and they'll call me on the walkie. They ask where I am and then come up to me with a kid."

In the final week of preseason practice, the team added six new players, bringing the varsity roster to 40. It's an inexperienced group; some players have never participated in organized football. But Russell, who picked up the game at 15, believes in their potential.

In the immediate future, however, there are some concerns. At practice, he is worried about tackling.

"Got to be able to tackle," he says during drills.

"One thing I've learned — if you can't tackle, it's going to be a long season," Russell tells a reporter. "But it's tricky in practice. You want to be able to practice physicality without getting hurt."



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Springbrook players charge onto the field for their season opener Friday against visiting Magruder.

Russell is hoping his team can play a simple, hard-nosed game against Magruder. He hasn't had much time to install a game plan; the first weeks of training have been focused on technique. He wants to run the ball, limit turnovers and play sturdy defense. Running back duties will be split between the speedy Dixon and Lincoln Wendel, a burly senior who stars as a wrestler.

"After school, I go completely blank. And when I get really nervous, I pace," Wendel says. "Week 1 is probably the week with the most nerves. People try to break the ice with scrimmages or live practices, but you can never really create that real, Week 1, first-snap feeling. It's a whole different thing."

Wendel, a two-way starter who has been playing since sixth grade, recruited quarterback Tommy Dietrich to join the program two years ago. Dietrich, a high-level lacrosse player, had no football history outside of his own backyard. But he has a strong arm, so he took on the challenge. Last fall, he became the varsity starter.

Entering this year, he has had to learn a new offense but feels more comfortable as a leader. Especially on such a young team, that sense of responsibility looms over all of the seniors. Dietrich, Wendel, Dixon and Payne feel something similar as they prepare for Magruder. They want to make the most of their final first game.

Execution

After months of waiting for the season to start, the Blue Devils are asked to wait a bit longer. There's a problem with the clock.

Russell and his team are still lined up from the national anthem as Springbrook's athletic director meets with the officials at midfield. The fifth official, in charge of keeping time on the scoreboard, has not shown up.

Springbrook players stand shoulder-to-shoulder — except Wendel, who furiously paces behind his teammates, their wall of bodies shielding his nerves from the opponent.

Official time will be kept on the field; the scoreboard will show nothing. That gives the game a strange quality — no one is ever really sure how much time remains.

The visitors receive the ball and immediately bring Russell's worst fears to fruition. The Colonels' return man breaks five or six tackles as he takes the ball to the Springbrook 28. Magruder takes a 7-0 lead five plays later.

Russell keeps his cool. His coaching style is reserved and observant, especially when his team has the ball. He mostly trusts his offensive coordinator to call plays, with the exception of a few key decisions. On this night, he is also occupied with asking an official for the time.

The Blue Devils put together a quick drive of their own. Dixon has a few nice runs, and Dietrich hits junior Babacar Ndiaye for a 20-yard reception. With the ball on the 2-yard line, Dietrich runs to the sideline and insists on a play call. He wants to take this himself.

Behind Payne at guard, the quarterback plunges into the end zone for Springbrook's first touchdown of the season. In the frenzied aftermath, he sprints off the field with the ball still cradled in his arm. Moments later, the officials ask him to return it so they can attempt the extra point.

"I told my coaches, 'Just give me this opportunity, and I swear I'll get it in,' " Dietrich says later. "He trusted me and it worked. I loved that moment."

The touchdown settles the team's nerves, and the defense comes out with renewed energy. Payne gets a tackle for a loss on first down, and soon Magruder is facing fourth and long. The Colonels throw a deep ball down the sideline, and their wideout makes a leaping catch inside the 10, stunning the Springbrook sideline. Soon, it is 14-6.

On the next possession, Dixon and Dietrich mistime a handoff and Magruder recovers the fumble. Momentum fades. By halftime, it is 21-6.

Russell tells his players they are still in the game. He believes it, too, satisfied with their effort. They're a work in progress. But at this point in the season, effort is all he can ask for.

The Blue Devils receive the second-half kickoff and chisel away at the Colonels' defense. Just as they enter the red zone, the referee blows his whistle and tells the teams that the third quarter has ended.

Russell, bewildered, tells his team to head to the other end of the field.

Wendel caps the marathon drive with a four-yard touchdown run. After an unsuccessful two-point attempt, the score is 21-12. Springbrook is in the game.

Even so, Russell still feels his team needs to roll the dice. Players and coaches often say Week 1 goes by fast, but without a clock visible, this game feels as though it's really moving. He calls for an onside kick.

In a mess of bodies, the Blue Devils come up with a recovery. But amid the celebration, Russell stands still and silently points across the field, where a flag rests. Offside. The coach disagrees with the call, but he doesn't fight it. As part of his long football journey, he has spent time as a referee and tries to incorporate that experience into his coaching.

"There's nothing you can say that's going to reverse that call," he says later.

Springbrook's defense comes up with one stop and then two, finally playing the way its coach envisioned. But as the defense finds its stride, Springbrook stalls on offense. Time slips away. The game ends with the referee blowing his whistle three times. The home crowd, unaware the game was about to end, murmurs in confusion.

Final score: 21-12. The Blue Devils are 0-1.

"You guys saw tonight that every single rep matters," Russell tells his team in the south end zone. "Maybe three big plays changed that game. Every rep, guys. And that mentality starts in practice. . . . We have a whole season ahead of us."

The team trudges off the field and into the school. Russell follows, aware his work is far from over. He helps his players sort their jerseys for the wash, cleans the locker room, uploads film, debriefs with his assistants and makes sure every player has a ride home.

After the last Blue Devil leaves, Russell walks through a dark parking lot to his car. He is due at a nearby Mexican restaurant. There, two dozen former classmates are waiting — a makeshift reunion for Springbrook's Class of 2004, organized around his first game.

He drives off into the night, leaving his alma mater until morning. Week 1 is officially over. Tomorrow, Week 2 begins.

Scouting department overhaul looms large as Nats snap six-game losing streak

NATIONALS FROM D1

ownership, according to three people with knowledge of his situation. Asked Wednesday about his contract status in a radio interview on 106.7 the Fan, Rizzo said: "This has been my home for 17 years. I've been here since 2006 and plan on being here for a long time beyond that." But should he return, as many in the organization expect, his operation will certainly look different.

DiPuglia, hired in the fall of 2009, was one of Rizzo's closest confidants in the organization. Among the 10 scouts let go, six — John Mirabelli, Mike Pagliuaro, Jon Weil, Willie Fraser, Matt Ruebel and Jeff Harris — were special assistants to Rizzo. Their departures were first reported by the Athletic. The four other scouts were members of the international department: Mike Cadahia (director of international operations), Alex Rodriguez (Latin American crosschecker), Jose Pepe Ortega (scout in the Dominican Republic) and David Leer (scout in Aruba).

More turnover could be on the way, according to multiple people familiar with the club's plans, potentially affecting the amateur scouting department and player development staff. With DiPuglia and Cadahia gone, two of DiPuglia's top lieutenants, Fausto Severino and Modesto Ulloa, maintain influence on the international side. This season, the Nationals' Dominican Summer League team finished with an 11-39 record (worst in the league) and a minus-140 run differential (second worst).

Since Nationals ownership began exploring selling the franchise in April 2022, the most stability would appear to be at the major league level. Last month, Manager Dave Martinez signed a two-year extension with a team option for a third season. That should lend him a good bit of influence moving forward, particularly with regard to his coaching staff. But on the field, the Nationals (63-77) have backslid after a strong six-week stretch following the all-star break.



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Rookie center fielder Jacob Young, left, knocked off the Mets with a walk-off single in the ninth inning Wednesday night at Nationals Park.

Wednesday's victory snapped a six-game losing streak. It also assured the team would not lose 100 games for the second straight year. Young's first walk-off hit came after four scoreless innings from the bullpen. Still, the Nationals have dropped eight of 10.

"He's one of many that are going to come up and help us win games," Martinez said of the 24-year-old Young. "I'm happy for him. I'm happy for our club. What I always say: These guys don't give up. We're down, we're down, we're down, and they come back. To walk off a team, especially one of our young prospects, is awesome."

Joan Adon, Washington's 25-year-old starter, yielded two runs on six hits in five innings. The first of those runs, though, scored just two batters into the game, continuing a troubling trend. In their past six contests, the Nationals have trailed by at least a run before even getting a chance to bat. And once they have stepped into the batter's box, their offense had failed to close the gaps.

Lane Thomas, the team's best hitter, sat again against the Mets (64-75) because of back tightness. The hope is that, with four days off in a row, he will return when Washington hosts the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday. Without him, the Nationals logged six hits and two runs against José Butto, who entered with only 18⅔ major league innings to his name. Dominic Smith, facing his former team, collected three of those hits. Butto, a 25-year-old righty, worked 6⅓ innings, exiting with runners on the corners and one out in the seventh.

Trevor Gott, facing his former club, entered for the Mets. Ildemaro Vargas, pinch-hitting for Alex Call, greeted him with an RBI single that cut a two-run deficit in half. Two batters later, CJ Abrams knotted the score with an RBI single through the middle. He quickly followed with his 40th steal. In the eighth, Riley Adams pinch-hit for Travis Blankenhorn and exited mid-at-bat with what appeared to be a left hand injury. Adams will undergo an MRI exam Thursday to assess the extent of the injury.

As for the deciding rally, it stirred when Phil Bickford walked Carter Kieboom and plunked Jake Alu with no outs. Vargas, the next batter, dropped down a sacrifice bunt to move both runners into scoring position. But only one needed to score, which Young handled by chopping a single through a drawn-in infield. And so a grim day for the organization ended with a comeback win.

"Right when I hit, I saw where I hit and it was a good spot," said Young, who wound up celebrating with a bubble gum bucket on his head. "It felt great to look in the dugout and everyone was already coming out. It's a great feeling, all your boys running out."

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Los Angeles Dodgers		
Tomorrow	7:05	MASN2
Saturday	4:05	MASN2
Sunday	1:35	MASN2
at Pittsburgh Pirates		
Monday	6:35	MASN2
Tuesday	6:35	MASN2
Wednesday	6:35	MASN2
Sept. 14	12:35	MASN
at Milwaukee Brewers		
Sept. 15	8:10	MASN
Sept. 16	7:10	MASN2
Sept. 17	2:10	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	90	48	.652	—	6-4	L-3
Philadelphia	77	62	.554	13½	6-4	W-1
Miami	72	67	.518	18½	7-3	W-6
New York	64	75	.460	26½	5-5	L-1
Washington	63	77	.450	28	2-8	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	77	62	.554	—	5-5	L-1
Chicago	76	64	.543	1½	7-3	W-4
Cincinnati	73	69	.514	5½	5-5	L-1
Pittsburgh	65	75	.464	12½	7-3	W-1
St. Louis	61	78	.439	16	5-5	W-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	84	54	.609	—	5-5	L-2
Arizona	72	68	.514	13	4-6	W-1
San Francisco	70	70	.500	15	3-7	L-6
San Diego	66	75	.468	19½	5-5	L-1
Colorado	51	88	.367	33½	3-7	L-1

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Baltimore	87	51	.630	—	7-3	W-4
Tampa Bay	85	55	.607	3	7-3	W-2
Toronto	77	63	.550	11	6-4	L-1
Boston	72	68	.514	16	3-7	L-2
New York	70	69	.504	17½	8-2	W-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	73	67	.521	—	6-4	L-1
Cleveland	67	73	.479	6	6-4	W-1
Detroit	63	76	.453	9½	4-6	L-2
Chicago	54	86	.386	19	3-7	W-1
Kansas City	44	97	.312	29½	3-7	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	80	61	.567	—	7-3	W-3
Seattle	78	61	.561	1	5-5	W-1
Texas	76	63	.547	3	3-7	L-3
x-Los Angeles	64	75	.460	15	2-8	L-5
Oakland	43	97	.307	36½	5-5	W-1

x-Late game

Nationals 3, Mets 2

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.265
Lindor ss	5	1	2	1	0	1	.251
McNeil lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.266
Alonso 1b	1	0	0	0	3	0	.224
Baty 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.218
Vientos dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.214
Narváez c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.198
Mauricio 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.421
Ortega rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.232
TOTALS	33	2	8	2	4	8	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	3	0	1	1	1	0	.245
Meneses dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.277
Ruiz c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Blankenhorn lf-rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Adams ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Do.Smith 1b	4	1	3	0	0	0	.262
Kieboom 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.200
Alu 2b-lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.257
Call rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Vargas ph-2b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.237
Young cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.294
TOTALS	32	3	9	3	2	8	—

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NEW YORK	100	010	000	—	2	8	0
WASHINGTON	000	000	201	—	3	9	1

One out when winning run scored.
E: Young (1). **LOB:** New York 9, Washington 8. **2B:** Nimmo (23), Lindor (30), Young (4). **RBI:** Lindor (83), Vientos (13), Vargas (27), Abrams (52), Young (4). **SB:** Lindor (26), Mauricio (3), Abrams 2 (40). **S:** Ortega, Vargas.

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Butto	6⅓	6	2	2	1	6	3.86
Gott	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	5.06
Raley	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.06
Bickford	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	6.88

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Adon	5	6	2	2	3	6	5.56
Garcia	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	4.95
Thompson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	5.43
Harvey	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.61
Finnegan	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.02

WP: Finnegan (7-4); **LP:** Bickford (2-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Gott 2-2. **IBB:** off Adon (Alonso), off Adon (Alonso). **HBP:** Bickford (Alu). **WP:** Adon. **T:** 2:35. **A:** 24,297 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

METS' FIRST
Brandon Nimmo doubles. **Francisco Lindor singles, Nimmo scores.** Jeff McNeil flies out. Pete Alonso is intentionally walked. Brett Baty flies out. Lindor to third. Mark Vientos reaches on fielder's choice, Alonso out at second.
Mets 1, Nationals 0
METS' FIFTH
Lindor doubles. McNeil flies out. Alonso is intentionally walked. Baty strikes out on a foul tip. **Vientos singles, Alonso to second, Lindor scores.** Omar Narvaez strikes out swinging.
Mets 2, Nationals 0
NATIONALS' SEVENTH
Dominic Smith singles. Carter Kieboom flies out. Jake Alu singles. Smith to third. Ildemaro Vargas pinch-hitting for Alex Call. **Vargas singles, Alu to second, Smith scores.** Jacob Young reaches on a fielder's choice. Vargas to second. Alu out at third. **Abrams singles, Young to third, Vargas scores.** Joey Meneses lines out.
Mets 2, Nationals 2
NATIONALS' NINTH
Kieboom walks. Alu hit by pitch. Kieboom to second. Vargas out on a sacrifice bunt. Alu to second. Kieboom to third. **Young singles, Alu to third, Kieboom scores.**
Nationals 3, Mets 2

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Philadelphia	77	62	.554	+5
Chicago	76	64	.543	+3½
Miami	72	67	.518	—
Arizona	72	68	.514	½
Cincinnati	73	69	.514	½
San Francisco	70	70	.500	2½

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Tampa Bay	85	55	.607	+8
Seattle	78	61	.561	+1½
Toronto	77	63	.550	—
Texas	76	63	.547	½
Boston	72	68	.514	5

NL leaders

Entering Thursday's games.

BATTING
Arraez, Mia .355
Freeman, LA .334
Acuña Jr., Atl .330
Bellinger, Chi .321
Betts, LA .313

HOME RUNS
Olson, Atl 46
Alonso, NY 42
Schwarber, Phi 41
Betts, LA 38
Soler, Mia 35

RBI
Olson, Atl 115
Alonso, NY 102
Betts, LA 99
Muncy, LA 91
Albies, Atl 91
Walker, Ari 91

ERA
Snell, SD 2.50
Steele, Chi 2.55
Senga, NY 3.08
Kelly, Ari 3.22
Morton, Atl 3.32

SAVES
Doval, SF 35
Díaz, Cin 35
Bednar, Pit 33
Williams, Mil 32
Hader, SD 28
Iglesias, Atl 28

STRIKEOUTS
Strider, Atl 250
Snell, SD 201
Wheeler, Phi 192
Peralta, Mil 191
Keller, Pit 187

AL leaders

Entering Wednesday's games.

BATTING
Seager, Tex .343
Díaz, TB .322
Bichette, Tor .314
Ohtani, LA .304
Yoshida, Bos .294

HOME RUNS
Ohtani, LA 44
Robert Jr., Chi 35
García, Tex 34
Judge, NY 31
Devers, Bos 29

RBI
García, Tex 100
Tucker, Hou 99
Ohtani, LA 95
Rodríguez, Sea 93
Bregman, Hou 92

ERA
Cole, NY 2.90
Gray, Min 2.98
Bradish, Bal 3.03
Castillo, Sea 3.19
Valdez, Hou 3.30

SAVES
Clase, Cle 37
Bautista, Bal 33
Romano, Tor 32
Estévez, LA 29
Jansen, Bos 29
Pressly, Hou 29

STRIKEOUTS
Gausman, Tor 207
López, Min 199
Cole, NY 195
Castillo, Sea 183
Cease, Chi 183

Phillies 5, Padres 1

Kyle Schwarber blasted a 465-foot leadoff homer that landed almost halfway up the batter's eye beyond the center field wall, and Zack Wheeler stymied San Diego's high-priced offense as Philadelphia won the season series 5-2.

The Phillies' Bryce Harper hit a two-run double to end an 0-for-20 skid.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	2	2	1	1	1	.195
Bohm 3b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.279
Harper 1b	4	0	1	2	1	1	.293
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.270
Stott 2b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.294
Realmuto c	4	1	2	1	1	1	.257
Marsh cf-lf	5	1	1	0	0	3	.290
Sosa ss	4	1	1	0	1	1	.257
Cave lf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.235
TOTALS	39	5	12	5	6	12	—

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kim 2b-3b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.271
Tatis Jr. rf-2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.263
J.Soto lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.258
Machado dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.252
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.272
Cooper 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.270
G.Sánchez c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Azocar rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Batten 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Campusano ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.306
Grisham cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.202
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	3	11	—

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PHILA.	100	220	000	—	5	12	0
SAN DIEGO	000	000	001	—	1	3	0

LOB: Philadelphia 13, San Diego 6. **2B:** Bohm (28), Harper (26), Bogaerts (25). **HR:** Schwarber (41), off Wacha; Realmuto (18), off T.Hill.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler	6	1	0	0	2	7	3.49
Domínguez	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.54
Hoffman	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.44
Strahm	1	2	1	1	0	2	3.30

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wacha	4	7	3	3	3	6	2.99
T.Hill	⅔	3	2	2	1	0	4.47
Martinez	2⅓	1	0	0	1	4	3.82
Barlow	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86
García	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.05

WP: Wheeler (11-6); **LP:** Wacha (11-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Martinez 2-0. **HBP:** Hoffman (G.Sánchez). **PB:** G.Sánchez (4). **T:** 3:00. **A:** 34,317 (40,222).

Pirates 5, Brewers 4

Rookie Ji Hwan Bae's first triple highlighted a seventh-inning rally as Pittsburgh won for the seventh time in nine games.

Bae scored on Miguel Andujar's pinch-hit single.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich dh	4	1	1	0	1	2	.274
Contreras c	4	1	1	0	1	1	.279
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Frelick cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.245
Adames ss	4	1	2	3	0	1	.212
Canha rf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.305
Turang 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.217
Tellez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Miller 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Monasterio 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Taylor lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.202
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	4	9	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bae cf-2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.241
Reynolds lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.265
Hayes 3b	3	2	1	1	1	1	.268
Suwinski dh	3	0	1	1	0	0	.206
Andujar ph-dh	1	0	1	1	0	0	.200
Palacios rf-cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.219
L.Peguero 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.258
Rivas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.194
A.Williams ss	2	0	1	0	0	1	.212
Joe ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Delay c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.262
TOTALS	33	5	8	5	2	11	—

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MILWAUKEE	300	000	010	—	4	8	1
PITTSBURGH	100	002	20X	—	5	8	0

E: Santana (4). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 6. **2B:** Yelich (31), Suwinski (18). **3B:** Bae (1). **HR:** Adames (23), off Selby; Hayes (13), off Peralta.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta	5⅓	4	3	3	1	4	3.89
Megill	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	3.62
E.Peguero	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	3.59
Milner	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
Uribe	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.69

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Selby	1	1	3	3	3	2	7.20
Falter	3⅔	1	0	0	0	3	4.02
Bolton	1⅓	2	0	0	1	2	6.75
Mlodzinski	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.03
Holderman	1	3	1	1	0	0	3.06
Bednar	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.98

WP: Mlodzinski (3-3); **LP:** E.Peguero (4-5); **S:** Bednar (33). **Inherited runners-scored:** Megill 2-1, Milner 2-1. **IBB:** off E.Peguero (Reynolds). **WP:** Selby. **T:** 2:46. **A:** 8,594 (38,753).

Marlins 11, Dodgers 4

Batting ninth in the order, Joey Wendle drove in four runs, scored three times and finished a triple shy of the cycle as Miami routed Los Angeles for its sixth consecutive victory.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.313
Busch 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.169
Freeman 1b	1	0	0	0	2	1	.334
Rosario 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Smith c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.203
Peralta lf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.273
Heyward rf	4	2	3	1	0	0	.269
Outman cf	4	1	1	2	0	2	.255
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.223
Wong dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.143
TOTALS	33	4	6	3	4	12	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b	3	1	1	2	1	0	.355
Gurriel ph-1b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.251
Burger 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.314
Berti ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.282
Bell dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.273
Myers ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	1	2	3	0	1	.260
Hampson cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.271
De La Cruz lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Fortes ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Sánchez rf	3	2	2	1	1	0	.274
Edwards 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.355
Stallings c	4	2	2	0	0	0	.197
Wendle ss	4	3	3	4	0	0	.228
TOTALS	37	11	13	11	3	3	—

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L.A.	000	100	003	—	4	6	2
MIAMI	000	090	20X	—	11	13	1

E: Smith (3), Muncy (11), Wendle (8). **LOB:** Los Angeles 6, Miami 6. **2B:** Peralta (20), Stallings (11), Arraez (29), Sánchez (22), Wendle (16), Gurriel (15). **HR:** Heyward (14), off Puk; Outman (18), off Hoeing; Wendle (2), off Lynn; Chisholm Jr. (16), off Lynn; Sánchez (12), off Lynn.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn	4⅔	7	8	8	3	1	4.95
González	1⅓	3	1	1	0	1	4.40
Varland	2	3	2	2	0	1	3.27

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chargois	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.67
Okert	2	2	0	0	1	1	3.48
Puk	1	1	1	1	0	0	4.24
Cabrera	4	1	0	0	2	8	4.56
Hoeing	1	2	3	2	0	1	4.19

WP: Cabrera (6-6); **LP:** Lynn (4-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** González 2-2. **T:** 2:37. **A:** 10,591 (37,446).



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The real deal

J.T. Realmuto catches a little air at home plate Wednesday after belting a solo home run in the Phillies' 5-1 win over the host Padres.

Cubs 8, Giants 2

Seiya Suzuki hit a three-run double, Cody Bellinger homered, and Chicago beat San Francisco for its fourth straight win.

Suzuki, Bellinger and Ian Happ had two hits apiece as the Cubs completed a three-game sweep and moved a season-high 12 games above .500.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Slater cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Estrada 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.273
Flores dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.284
Haniger rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.214
Davis 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Matos lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.255
Schmitt 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.207
DeJong ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.158
Bart c	2	0	0	1	0	0	.225
TOTALS	34	2	10	2	0	5	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Morel dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.248
Canario ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Hoerner 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.279
Happ lf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.247
Bellinger cf-1b	4	2	2	2	0	2	.321
Swanson ss	2	1	0	0	2	0	.245
Suzuki rf	4	0	2	3	0	1	.275
Madrigal 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.269
Wisdom 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Tauchman ph-cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.259
Amaya c	4	1	1	1	0	2	.221
TOTALS	35	8	11	8	2	7	—

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SAN FRAN.	000	000	200	—	2	10	0
CHICAGO	302	101	10X	—	8	11	0

LOB: San Francisco 6, Chicago 5. **2B:** Davis (20), DeJong (1), Haniger (10), Schmitt (15), Suzuki (27), Happ (30), Bellinger (24), Tauchman (15). **HR:** Amaya (5), off Brebbia; Bellinger (24), off Manaea.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wood	2⅓	5	5	5	1	2	4.77
Walker	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	2.06
Brebbia	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.34
Manaea	3	4	2	2	0	1	5.00
Doval	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.93

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wicks	6⅔	9	2	2	0	1	2.16
Palencia	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	3.32
Little	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00

WP: Wicks (3-0); **LP:** Wood (5-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Walker 1-1, Palencia 1-0. **T:** 2:18. **A:** 27,443 (41,363).

Mariners 8, Reds 4

Mike Ford, J.P. Crawford and Cal Raleigh homered for Seattle, the bullpen was nearly flawless late, and the Mariners snapped a three-game skid with a victory over Cincinnati that let them avoid a series sweep at Great American Ball Park.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	5	1	1	3	0	1	.271
Rodríguez cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Raleigh c	4	2	3	1	1	1	.235
Hernández rf	4	0	2	0	1	1	.269
Canzone lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Suárez 3b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.232
France 1b	3	2	2	2	2	0	.254
Ford dh	4	1	1	2	0	2	.231
Rojas 2b	1	1	0	0	1	0	.278
Moore ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.215
TOTALS	38	8	11	8	5	7	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Fraley dh	5	0	1	0	0	3	.270
Friedl cf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.268
Steer 2b	4	0	1	1	1	3	.267
De La Cruz ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.244
Martini lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.244
Encarnacion-Strand 1b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.261
Stephenson c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.256
Marte 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.254
Benson rf	4	2	3	1	0	1	.269
TOTALS	35	4	10	4	3	13	—

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SEATTLE	020	500	100	—	8	11	0
CINCINNATI	100	011	001	—	4	10	1

E: Marte (3). **LOB:** Seattle 8, Cincinnati 8. **2B:** France (31), Suárez (23), Benson 2 (14). **3B:** Friedl (6). **HR:** Ford (16), off Richardson; Crawford (15), off Richardson; Raleigh (26), off Richardson; Benson (9), off Muñoz.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert	5⅓	7	3	3	2	9	3.61
Brash	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.30
Speier	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.64
Topa	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.51
Muñoz	1	1	1	1	1	2	3.10

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Richardson	4⅔	7	7	7	4	3	8.64
Moll	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.12
Duarte	1	2	1	1	1	0	4.07
Herget	2⅓	2	0	0	0	2	5.18

WP: Gilbert (13-5); **LP:** Richardson (0-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Brash 2-0, Topa 1-0, Moll 1-0, Herget 2-0. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 13,423 (43,891).

Guardians 2, Twins 1

Rookie Gavin Williams and four relievers cooled off Minnesota as Cleveland avoided a three-game sweep.

Minnesota still leads second-place Cleveland by six games in the American League Central with 22 left. The Twins won the first two games of the series against the defending division champion by a combined score of 28-9.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien 1b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.275
Polanco 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Lewis 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.316
Kepler rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.248
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Wallner dh	3	0	0	0	1	3	.229
Castro lf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.247
Jeffers c	2	0	0	0	1	0	.269
Stevenson cf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.250
TOTALS	28	1	2	1	5	11	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Ramírez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Calhoun 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.245
Fry 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Laureano rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Giménez 2b	3	2	2	0	0	0	.236
Arias ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Brennan lf	3	0	2	2	0	1	.271
Straw cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Gallagher c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.141
TOTALS	29	2	5	2	2	6	—

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MINNESOTA	000	010	000	—	1	2	0
CLEVELAND	010	100	00X	—	2	5	0

LOB: Minnesota 5, Cleveland 5. **2B:** Giménez (24), Brennan (22).

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan	4	4	2	2	1	3	4.21
Varland	3	1	0	0	1	2	5.03
Funderburk	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.69

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams	5	1	1	1	4	4	3.34
Hentges	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.03
R.López	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.59
Clase	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.81

WP: Williams (2-5); **LP:** Ryan (10-9); **S:** Clase (38). **Inherited runners-scored:** Funderburk 2-0. **WP:** Williams. **T:** 2:28. **A:** 16,148 (34,788).

Yankees 4, Tigers 3

Jasson Domínguez broke a third-inning tie with his first Yankee Stadium home run, and New York got back over .500 for the first time in three weeks.

Detroit right-hander Matt Manning's right foot was broken by a 119.5-mph comebacker off the bat of Giancarlo Stanton.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Baddoo lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Báez ph-ss	1	0	1	0	0	0	.224
McKinstry rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.235
Lipcius ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Torkelson 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.231
Carpenter dh	3	0	1	1	1	2	.292
Vierling 3b-lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.260
Ibáñez 2b-rf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.244
Meadows cf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.250
Kelly c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.174
Short ss-2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.217
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	2	11	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	4	0	2	1	1	0	.243
Judge dh	4	1	2	0	1	0	.267
Domínguez cf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.333
Torres 2b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.272
Stanton rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.203
Pereira lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Wells c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Peraza 3b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.180
O.Cabrera lf-rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.210
TOTALS	33	4	11	4	5	5	—

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DETROIT	100	000	200	—	3	6	0
NEW YORK	012	100	00X	—	4	11	0

LOB: Detroit 5, New York 10. **2B:** McKinstry (19), Peraza (4), Judge (12). **HR:** Domínguez (3), off Brieske.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manning	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.58
Brieske	1⅔	4	3	3	3	0	4.62
Cisnero	1⅓	3	1	1	0	0	5.37
Holton	2	2	0	0	0	3	1.99
Foley	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.41
Lange	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.72

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Schmidt	6⅓	5	3	3	0	6	4.54
Peralta	1⅓	1	0	0	2	3	3.06
Weissert	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.00
Holmes	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.11

WP: Schmidt (9-8); **LP:** Brieske (1-3); **S:** Holmes (18). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cisnero 2-0, Peralta 2-1, Weissert 3-0. **T:** 2:52. **A:** 30,673 (47,309).

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 2

Carlos Pérez broke out of a lengthy slump with a two-run homer off Hyun Jin Ryu as Oakland avoided a three-game sweep.

Pérez's sixth home run of the season accounted for the only runs the A's scored off Ryu, who had five strikeouts in five innings. The loss was his first since Aug. 1, his season debut.

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Schneider 2b	2	1	1	1	2	1	.385
Merrifield lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.283
Biggio rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.223
Espinal 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Clement ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.410
Horwitz ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.300
Varsho cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.221
Heineman c	0	0	0	0	2	0	.278
Kirk ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.256
TOTALS	31	2	6	2	4	7	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gelof 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Rooker lf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.243
Noda rf-1b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.234
Diaz dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.242
Brown ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.214
C.Pérez c	4	2	2	2	0	0	.232
Smith 3b	4	1	2	3	0	1	.204
Bride 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.170
Kemp lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Allen ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.213
Ruiz cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.249
TOTALS	32	5	8	5	1	9	—

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TORONTO	010	000	010	—	2	6	0
OAKLAND	000	203	00X	—	5	8	0

LOB: Toronto 6, Oakland 4. **2B:** Biggio (8), Rooker (18). **HR:** Schneider (7), off Jiménez; C.Pérez (6), off Ryu; Smith (5), off Richards.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryu	5	5	2	2	1	5	2.65
Richards	1	3	3	3	0	1	3.96
Green	1	0	0	0	0	2	13.5
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.36

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sears	5	4	1	1	4	3	4.51
Miller	2	0	0	0	0	3	3.09
Jiménez	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.30
May	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.89

WP: Sears (4-11); **LP:** Ryu (3-2); **S:** May (18). **WP:** Ryu. **T:** 2:19. **A:** 3,871 (46,847).

Cardinals 11, Braves 6

Paul Goldschmidt, Masyn Winn, Willson Contreras and Nolan Gorman went deep as St. Louis hit four home runs for the second straight game to upend MLB-leading Atlanta.

Cy Young Award hopeful Spencer Strider lasted just 2⅔ innings for the Braves.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar lf	4	2	1	0	1	0	.274
Goldschmidt 1b	4	2	2	2	1	1	.277
Gorman 2b	4	3	1	3	1	2	.233
Arenado 3b	5	2	2	0	0	1	.270
Contreras c	4	1	2	3	1	0	.254
Burleson dh	4	0	2	2	0	1	.245
Baker ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Walker rf	5	0	1	0	0	4	.278
Edman cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.246
Winn ss	5	1	1	1	0	2	.161
TOTALS	40	11	14	11	5	11	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.330
Albies 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Riley 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.274
Olson 1b	4	2	3	1	0	0	.270
Ozuna dh	3	1	2	1	1	1	.272
Rosario lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.259
Murphy c	1	1	0	0	3	0	.267
Arcia ss	4	0	0	1	0	0	.279
Harris II cf	4	0	1	2	0	0	.294
TOTALS	34	6	10	6	4	3	—

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ST. LOUIS	402	001	130	—	11	14	0
ATLANTA	000	203	100	—	6	10	1

E: Albies (6). **LOB:** St. Louis 7, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Edman (23), Arenado (25), Ozuna (22), Rosario (22). **HR:** Goldschmidt (23), off Strider; Winn (1), off Vines; Contreras (17), off Jiménez; Gorman (27), off Lee; Olson (46), off Hudson; Riley (34), off Lawrence.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hudson	5	7	5	5	3	2	4.43
Lawrence	1⅔	2	1	1	1	0	5.02
Pallante	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	5.21
VerHagen	2	1	0	0	0	1	4.22

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strider	2⅔	6	6	6	3	5	3.83
Heller	1⅓	1	0	0	1	2	4.08
Vines	2	2	1	1	1	2	3.38
Jiménez	1	2	1	1	0	1	2.90
Lee	1	2	3	2	0	0	3.63
Hand	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.91

WP: Hudson (6-1); **LP:** Strider (16-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Lawrence 3-2, Pallante 1-0, Heller 2-0. **T:** 2:53. **A:** 35,514

Diamondbacks 12, Rockies 5

Alek Thomas homered and drove in five runs, Tommy Pham had three RBI, and Arizona overcame an early four-run deficit to beat Colorado.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tovar ss	3	1	0	0	2	1	.254
McMahon 3b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.247
Trejo ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Rodgers 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.218
Jones lf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.282
Montero dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.230
Bouchard rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Goodman 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.323
Doyle cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.190
Tucker cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.429
Wynns c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.202
TOTALS	32	5	6	5	5	8	—

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	1	2	0	0	0	1	.280
Rivera ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Marte 2b	4	1	1	0	1	2	.275
Pham lf-rf	4	3	3	3	1	0	.243
Walker 1b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.273
Thomas cf	4	1	2	5	1	1	.241
Gurriel Jr. dh-lf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.257
Longoria 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.226
Herrera c	5	1	2	0	0	1	.212
Perdomo ss	2	2	1	1	1	0	.266
TOTALS	35	12	13	12	5	9	—

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COLORADO	401	000	000	—	5	6	0
ARIZONA	105	311	01X	—	12	13	0

LOB: Colorado 7, Arizona 8. **2B:** Montero (11), Pham 2 (9), Herrera (5), Marte (24). **3B:** Jones (3). **HR:** Thomas (8), off Flexen; Gurriel Jr. (23), off Mears.

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Flexen	2⅓	4	6	6	2	3	6.98
Hollowell	1⅓	0	3	3	2	3	6.20
Suter	1⅓	3	1	1	0	1	3.36
Justice	1	3	1	1	1	0	9.00
Lawrence	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.11
Mears	1	2	1	1	0	2	2.70

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Davies	3	6	5	5	3	2	6.81
Jarvis	2	0	0	0	1	1	2.81
Frías	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.87
Nelson	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.58
M.Castro	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.92
McGough	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.43

WP: Jarvis (2-0); **LP:** Flexen (1-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Suter 3-2. **HBP:** Davies (Wynns), Flexen (Carroll), Hollowell 2 (Perdomo,Carroll), Lawrence (Smith), M.Castro (Tucker). **T:** 3:01. **A:** 11,044 (48,359).

White Sox 6, Royals 4

Andrew Vaughn doubled, homered, drove in two runs and scored twice as Chicago beat Kansas City to snap a five-game skid.

Elvis Andrus had four hits, and Yoán Moncada and Oscar Colás also went deep for the White Sox.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Andrus ss	5	0	4	0	0	0	.256
Benintendi lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.271
Robert Jr. cf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.270
Vaughn dh	4	2	3	2	0	0	.259
Moncada 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.260
Sheets 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.208
Sosa 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.184
Colás rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.218
Lee c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.125
TOTALS	38	6	14	6	1	4	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Melendez lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.238
Olivares ph-lf	1	1	1	2	0	0	.258
Witt Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Beaty 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Garcia ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.283
Fermin c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.276
Massey 2b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.226
Velázquez dh	4	1	1	2	0	1	.253
Waters rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.236
Isbel cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Loftin 3b-1b	2	1	0	0	1	1	.400
TOTALS	30	4	4	4	5	9	—

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CHICAGO	000	103	101	—	6	14	1
KANSAS CITY	000	200	020	—	4	4	0

E: Toussaint (1). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Kansas City 4. **2B:** Andrus (16), Sheets (8), Robert Jr. (34), Vaughn (26). **HR:** Vaughn (19), off Lyles; Moncada (7), off Davidson; Colás (5), off Davidson; Velázquez (9), off Toussaint; Olivares (9), off Bummer.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Toussaint	6	2	2	2	3	6	4.70
Ramsey	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.77
Bummer	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	6.88
Santos	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.14
Shaw	1	0	0	0	1	2	5.46

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles	5⅓	7	3	3	1	0	6.24
Davidson	1⅔	3	2	2	0	1	6.92
McArthur	1	1	0	0	0	1	10.1
Clarke	1	3	1	1	0	2	5.40

WP: Toussaint (3-6); **LP:** Lyles (4-16); **S:** Shaw (2). **T:** 2:37. **A:** 11,046 (38,427).

Rays 3, Red Sox 1

Tyler Glasnow tied a career high with 14 strikeouts, and Tampa Bay continued its home dominance of Boston.

Tampa Bay took two of three in the series and has won 14 of 15 at home against the Red Sox. Boston struck out 17 times in the game and finished with 47 strikeouts in the series.

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abreu cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.250
Rafaela ph-2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.467
Devers 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Turner dh	4	0	0	0	0	4	.282
Casas 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.268
Duvall rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.264
Yoshida lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.292
Story ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	.176
Valdez 2b	2	1	1	0	0	1	.252
Refsnyder ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Wong c	3	0	1	1	0	1	.247
TOTALS	32	1	5	1	1	17	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.320
B.Lowe 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.234
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.256
H.Ramírez dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.300
Raley rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.251
Paredes 3b	2	1	1	1	2	0	.251
Basabe ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.237
Siri cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.219
Pinto c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.302
TOTALS	31	3	8	3	5	6	—

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BOSTON	001	000	000	—	1	5	0
TAMPA BAY	001	110	00X	—	3	8	0

LOB: Boston 5, Tampa Bay 9. **2B:** Devers (33), Rafaela (2), H.Ramírez (15). **3B:** Wong (2). **HR:** B.Lowe (19), off Pivetta; Paredes (28), off Pivetta.

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta	4⅔	7	3	3	2	5	4.54
Bernardino	⅓	0	0	0	2	0	2.42
Llovera	3	1	0	0	1	1	3.98

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Glasnow	6	3	1	1	1	14	3.07
Stephenson	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.56
Poche	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.31
Fairbanks	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.41

WP: Glasnow (8-5); **LP:** Pivetta (9-8); **S:** Fairbanks (20). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bernardino 1-0. **WP:** Bernardino. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 10,100 (25,025).

Astros 12, Rangers 3

José Abreu hit a grand slam and a three-run homer as Houston completed a sweep of its pivotal three-game series with American League West rival Texas.

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.316
Kessinger ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Peña ss	6	2	2	0	0	2	.263
Alvarez dh	3	2	1	2	2	1	.293
Bregman 3b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.272
Tucker rf	3	3	1	0	2	1	.290
Meyers lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.226
J.Abreu 1b	5	2	3	7	0	0	.236
Brantley lf	3	1	2	2	0	0	.316
McCormick lf-rf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.289
Dubón cf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.275
Maldonado c	4	0	1	0	1	1	.189
TOTALS	40	12	14	12	5	9	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	2	4	3	0	0	.277
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.339
Lowe 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.276
García rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Grossman rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Garver dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.283
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Jankowski lf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.266
J.Smith 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Taveras cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.263
TOTALS	33	3	5	3	1	8	—

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HOUSTON	214	010	004	—	12	14	1
TEXAS	100	010	010	—	3	5	1

E: Altuve (4), J.Smith (6). **LOB:** Houston 8, Texas 4. **2B:** Peña (28), J.Abreu (18), Bregman (25). **HR:** Alvarez (25), off Scherzer; Brantley (2), off Scherzer; J.Abreu (13), off Scherzer; J.Abreu (14), off Burke; McCormick (20), off Burke; Semien (21), off Verlander; Semien (22), off Graveman.

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Verlander	7	4	2	1	1	6	3.43
Graveman	1	1	1	1	0	1	2.65
Pressly	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.26

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	3	6	7	7	2	4	3.63
Stratton	1⅓	2	1	1	2	0	2.08
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.96
Bradford	1⅔	2	0	0	0	0	4.12
Chapman	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.18
Burke	1	4	4	4	1	2	4.31

WP: Verlander (5-2); **LP:** Scherzer (3-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Leclerc 2-0, Bradford 1-0. **HBP:** Leclerc (Altuve). **WP:** Scherzer. **T:** 2:45. **A:** 36,417 (40,000).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Braves: RHP Michael Soroka (forearm inflammation) and reliever Collin McHugh (right shoulder inflammation) landed on the 15-day injured list.

Dodgers: LHP Julio Urías was placed on administrative leave indefinitely by MLB. He was arrested on a domestic violence charge Sunday in Los Angeles.

Giants: Placed C Patrick Bailey on the seven-day concussion injured list.

Marlins: Placed RHP Sandy Alcantara (right forearm flexor strain) and OF Jorge Soler (right oblique strain) on the IL.

Pirates: DH Andrew McCutchen (.256, 12 HR, 43 RBI) was placed on the 10-day IL after he partially tore his left Achilles' tendon while legging out a double in a 4-2 victory over the Brewers on Monday.

Yankees: Placed RHP Keynan Middleton on the 15-day IL with shoulder inflammation.

QUOTABLE

"A very G-esque ball that no one really hits like that. An absolute missile."

— Yankees Manager **Aaron Boone** *on slugger Giancarlo Stanton, who launched his 400th home run Tuesday to become the fourth-fastest player (1,520 games) to reach the mark in a 5-1 win over the Tigers.*

STAR OF THE DAY

Tyler Glasnow, Rays

The right-hander matched his career high with 14 strikeouts in a 3-1 victory over the Red Sox.

TODAY

NL games

DODGERS AT MARLINS, 6:40

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Pepiot (R)	1-0	1.29	1-0
Garrett (L)	8-5	3.86	19-7

CARDINALS AT BRAVES, 7:20

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Wainwright (R)	3-10	8.10	5-13
Fried (L)	6-1	2.52	8-3

DIAMONDBACKS AT CUBS, 7:40

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Cecconi (R)	0-1	4.44	2-2
Assad (R)	3-2	2.69	5-2

NL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Mets 11, at Washington 5
Milwaukee 7, at Pittsburgh 3
at Miami 6, L.A. Dodgers 3
St. Louis 10, at Atlanta 6
at Chicago Cubs 11, San Francisco 8
Colorado 3, at Arizona 2
at San Diego 8, Philadelphia 0

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 2
at Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 4
at Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco 2
at Arizona 12, Colorado 5
Philadelphia 5, at San Diego 1
at Miami 11, L.A. Dodgers 4
St. Louis 11, at Atlanta 6

AL games

MARINERS AT RAYS, 6:40

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Castillo (R)	11-7	3.19	16-12
Littell (R)	3-4	4.69	5-5

TIGERS AT YANKEES, 7:05

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rodriguez (L)	10-7	3.11	11-10
Rodón (L)	2-4	5.70	2-7

GUARDIANS AT ANGELS, 9:38

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Quantrill (R)	2-6	6.16	7-7
Canning (R)	7-5	4.30	10-8

AL scores

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 5, at L.A. Angels 4 (10)
Minnesota 8, at Cleveland 3
at Tampa Bay 8, Boston 6 (11)
at N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 1
at Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6
Houston 4, at Texas 1
Toronto 7, at Oakland 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, late
at Cleveland 2, Minnesota 1
at Oakland 5, Toronto 2
at Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1
at N.Y. Yankees 4, Detroit 3
Chicago White Sox 6, at Kansas City 4
Houston 12, at Texas 3

Interleague scores

TUESDAY'S RESULT
at Cincinnati 7, Seattle 6

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Seattle 8, at Cincinnati 4

Medvedev, Sabalenka beat heat to advance

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

NEW YORK — Soaked with sweat as the temperature neared 95 degrees on the hottest day at this year's U.S. Open, 2021 champion Daniil Medvedev walked slowly to towel off between points of his victory Wednesday, looked into a courtside camera and issued what sounded like a mix between a warning and a plea.

"You cannot imagine," he said. "One player [is] going to die one day, and they're going to see."

"It was brutal," Medvedev, a 27-year-old Russian seeded No. 3, said after eliminating Andrey Rublev, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, to reach the semifinals at Flushing Meadows for the fourth time. "The only good thing I see in these conditions is that both [players] suffer."

It is feeling hotter and hotter at Grand Slam tournaments in recent decades, reflecting the climate change seen in heat waves around the globe this summer. Week 2 at the U.S. Open is pushing players to the limit. They're using ice — so much ice, in plastic bags or wrapped in towels — and courtside tubes blowing cold air to try to stay cool.

Medvedev used an inhaler during a second-set changeover Wednesday while being looked at by a doctor, who checked his breathing with a stethoscope. Rublev leaned back on his sideline chair as if he would rather be anywhere else.

"At the end of the first set, I couldn't see the ball anymore," Medvedev said, adding that he looked across the net at No. 8 seed Rublev — his countryman, good pal and godfather to his daughter — and thought, "Wow, it seems like he cannot run anymore."

Medvedev wore a white towel around his neck during the on-court interview after finishing the 2-hour 48-minute match at Arthur Ashe Stadium and said he was looking forward to a cold shower. Under a new rule adopted Tuesday for the rest of the event, the U.S. Tennis Association partially closed the retractable Ashe roof — normally used to block out rain — to provide additional protection from the sun for spectators and competitors.

"The immediate impact is specifically that more fans were shaded," tournament referee Jake Garner said Tuesday, "and at the same time, the decision to close the roof puts the court in full shade, which does improve the conditions on court."

One unintended result: The shadows can make it hard to see the balls as they zip through the air.

Qinwen Zheng, the No. 23 seed who defeated 2022 runner-up Ons Jabeur in her previous match, said that dynamic bothered her during Wednesday's 6-1, 6-4 loss to Aryna Sabalenka. Sabalenka won 20 of the first 24 points to race to a 5-0 lead after just 17 minutes.

Sabalenka reached the semifinals for the fifth major in a row and will rise from No. 2 to No. 1 in the WTA rankings, replacing 2022 U.S. Open champion Iga Swiatek, who exited in the fourth round.

As for the weather? Sabalenka, a 25-year-old from Belarus, said her training base in the United States prepared her well for the heat and humidity, which rose above 50 percent.

"It was hot, but because I did my preparation in Florida — I mean, what can be worse than Florida? I mean, in July and June, you know. Not, like, overall," said Sabalenka, who has dropped just 21 games through five matches. "So I think that's really [helping] me today to stay strong and [not] really get tired because of the heat."

She improved to 7-0 in major quarterfinals as she seeks her second Grand Slam trophy to go alongside the one she won at the Australian Open in January.

In Thursday's semifinals, Sabalenka will meet 2017 U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys, who defeated reigning Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova, 6-1, 6-4.

The other women's semifinal will be No. 6 Coco Gauff against No. 10 Karolina Muchova; they won their quarterfinal matches Tuesday.

Medvedev won nine of his 15 return games against Rublev, who is 0-9 in quarterfinals in majors. Now Medvedev gets some time to try to recover.

He will get back on the court Friday against defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, who defeated 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Alexander Zverev, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

The other men's semifinal is 23-time major champion Novak Djokovic vs. unseeded American Ben Shelton.

— Associated Press



CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

In the heat in New York, Madison Keys rolled past Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova to advance to the semifinals of the U.S. Open for the first time since 2018.

Keys cruises into the semifinals at the U.S. Open

U.S. OPEN FROM D1

— and struggling to breathe in Daniil Medvedev's case.

The Russian, who beat his good friend Andrey Rublev, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, in the first men's quarterfinal of the day, put his displeasure with the conditions in no uncertain terms. He looked directly into a television camera mid-match and said, "One player [is] going to die one day, and they're going to see."

The temperature lowered to a balmy 87 degrees by the time Keys took the court and took command to earn her first semifinal berth at the U.S. Open since 2018. Her crisp finish leaves both her and Sabalenka with a bit more time to rest for a rematch of their Wimbledon quarterfinal from earlier in the summer, which the Belarusian won in straight sets.

Keys, who advanced to her third career U.S. Open semifinal, will be tasked with halting the momentum of one of the hottest players in women's tennis.

Sabalenka, 25, has not dropped a set here and is the first woman since Serena Williams in 2016 to reach the semifinals at all four majors in the same season. She owns a 22-2 record at Grand Slam events this year and won the Australian Open in January for the first major title of her career. She will be the new world No. 1 Monday no matter how the rest of her tournament plays out thanks to reigning U.S. Open champion Iga Swiatek's fourth-round loss, and all that did was leave her yearning for a fight.

"To be honest, I didn't want [Swiatek] to lose. I was watching that match and I was just like, 'C'mon, win it.' I was really not like sure, but after some of the upsets, I thought she's probably going to make it to the final," Sabalenka said this week. "I was just thinking I'm going to do everything I can possible and impossible to reach the final and decide [the number one ranking] on court. So I was sad, but at the same time I have to be happy because it's not like she just fell. All year I've been playing well. I put her kind of like under pressure. I was just like sad and happy at the same time. I didn't want to become world number one like this. I want a battle for this."

She may yet get one from Keys, who should have the home crowd on her side Thursday. The Illinois native saved all nine break points she faced against Vondrousova and hit four aces. Vondrousova had mentioned some soreness in her dominant left arm after her fourth-round win Monday but gave all credit to Keys for the win for placing her under pressure from the start of the match.

Her cracking forehand is her strongest shot.

"I feel like you don't know where she's going to play. She can play line; she can play cross. I feel like today she just played, you know, great on both sides," Vondrousova said. "She was playing also great, you know, the forehand when she was running around the court, so that was very tough. I feel like, you know, she's feeling great here. You know, she had the support. I mean, it was really like I couldn't do much today."

Keys said her recent meeting with Sabalenka at Wimbledon will be valuable. The Belarusian's playing patterns and tendencies are fresh in her mind and even though it was a loss — Keys has only beaten her once, in 2021, in their three career meetings — and Keys draws confidence from the fact that the match wasn't a blowout.

After a quick first set, she led 4-2, 40-0 in the second set before Sabalenka rattled off 12 straight points to regain control at the All-England Club.

"I think [Thursday] it's definitely going to be a lot of who can get in charge of the point as early as possible, because I feel like both of our games, if you get behind in the point it's a lot harder to get back to neutral and then get back on the aggressive side," Keys said.

Carlos Alcaraz followed Keys at Arthur Ashe Stadium to close out the night — and the quarterfinal round — with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over 12th-seeded Alexander Zverev. The top-seeded Spaniard faces Medvedev in the semifinals Friday, against whom he owns a 2-1 record.

Medvedev, like Sabalenka, is a dangerous title contender who has flown under the radar. He owns 37 wins on hard courts this season, the most on tour, and said after beating Rublev he felt his level is at "a 10 out of 10."

Against Alcaraz, even that may not be good enough.

"It needs to be 11 out of 10," Medvedev said, smiling, "because, yeah, that's how Carlos is. Very strong."

KEVIN B. BLACKISTONE

Brandt's respect for Black prospects helped push the NFL forward

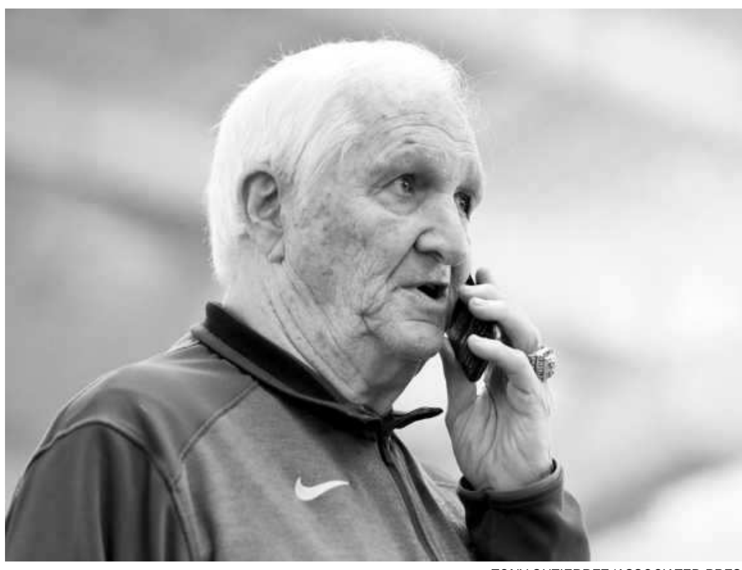
BLACKISTONE FROM D1

segregated in 1933, maybe not coincidentally a year after George Preston Marshall entered the league by founding a franchise in Boston that he would move to Washington in 1937. Marshall would keep it as the last all-White team in the NFL, to the thrill of his fellow white supremacists, until the federal government forced him to integrate the team in the early 1960s.

But Brandt may have had a greater impact than anyone on equity for Black NFL players, who now make up more than half of the league's rosters.

"It's fair to say very few have his track record of assessing Black talent fairly, and understand[ing], especially with the quarterback, that they have a place," texted Grand Valley State sports historian Lou Moore, whose upcoming book, "Battle of the Black Bombers," is on the history of the Black quarterback. That list includes Williams, who in Washington became the first Black quarterback to win a Super Bowl.

Brandt, as Moore notes in his upcoming history, scouted Williams when almost no other team did but provided the same broad analysis of Williams's talent as any peer would for a White quarterback at a big-school program. "He's an exceptionally fine person," Moore found Brandt critiqued Williams. "He's articulate, poised, has good leadership qualities and a lot of desire. He's got a big league arm, enormous hands and good delivery. He tries to force the ball sometimes and will throw into a crowd, but these things are correctable. He has a lot more potential as a pro prospect than [James 'Shack'] Harris had when he was a senior."



TONY GUTIERREZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A longtime executive for the Cowboys, Gil Brandt valued drafting players from historically Black schools when few other teams did.

No harm. Williams and Harris are best of friends. Harris, taken in the eighth round of the 1969 AFL/NFL draft by Buffalo, co-founded the Black College Hall of Fame with his fellow Grambling quarterback.

The Cowboys didn't get a chance to draft Williams. But he was the only quarterback taken in the first round of the 1978 NFL draft when a pitiful Tampa Bay team, certain no rival high in the order would spend so much draft capital on a Black college quarterback — no matter his leading NCAA football in passing yards and touchdown passes — traded down to 17th to pick him. He was the only player chosen in the first round from a historically Black school, too.

Brandt gave Black college football players the fair shake they weren't accustomed to but so deserved.

"Gil was kind of like Lloyd Wells; you know who that is, right?" Williams asked. "Lloyd Wells was the guy that Hank Stram used in Kansas City to find a bunch of free agents from the Black colleges back then."

Stram, the dapper-dressed American Football League Kansas City coach, with tutelage from Wells, a Texas Southern graduate who went on to advise Muhammad Ali, among others, spent a draft pick on a Black player from an HBCU in 1960 when he selected defensive back Paul Winslow from North Carolina Central. But Winslow chose the Green Bay Packers, who picked him in the NFL draft's 13th round. He played one season.

In 1963, Kansas City made Grambling's 6-foot-7, 270-pound defensive tackle Buck Buchanan the No. 1 pick in the AFL draft. He was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990.

The next year, Brandt picked the fastest man in the world, Florida A&M's Bob Hayes, as a pass-catcher in the seventh round. "Bullet" Bob was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009.

In 1965, Brandt also nabbed 6-6, 260-pound defensive lineman Jethro Pugh out of Elizabeth City State in the 11th round. Before the 1970s dawned, Brandt returned to the HBCU well at Florida A&M, Norfolk State, Edward Waters, Fort Valley State (where he got future Pro Football Hall of Fame lineman Rayfield Wright), Albany State, Mississippi Valley State and Prairie View.

Until then, the main way HBCU players got a shot in the NFL was as free agents. Brandt valued their talent as draft picks. He also groomed John Wooten — the Black guard for Cleveland and Washington and the former head of the Fritz Pollard Alliance, which advocates for Black coaching opportunities in the NFL — to be his successor as personnel director for the Cowboys in the 1980s.

There are now eight Black general managers and five Black team presidents. But only one HBCU player was chosen in April's NFL draft: Isaiah Bolden out of Jackson State by the New England Patriots with the 245th pick.

HBCU talent has been diluted by the integration of big-time college football, which Deion Sanders's migration to Colorado really reminded. The stars of the shocking victory he coached over TCU were his transfers from Jackson State: the heretofore five-star recruit Travis Hunter, whom Sanders was lauded for steering from Power Five programs, and his son, Shedeur, the quarterback, who reneged on a commitment to Florida Atlantic and turned down scholarship offers from other predominantly White institutions to play for dad at Jackson State.

But that HBCU players have been valued at all since the dawn of the new NFL is so heavily due to Brandt that the Black College Football Hall of Fame should consider naming its Classic after him.

Kevin B. Blackistone, ESPN panelist and professor at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, writes sports commentary for The Washington Post.

NFL NOTES

Bosa ends holdout, gets record deal from 49ers

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Nick Bosa, the reigning NFL defensive player of the year, ended his six-week holdout from the San Francisco 49ers by agreeing to a record-setting contract extension Wednesday, four days ahead of the team's season opener.

Bosa agreed to a five-year, $170 million deal that includes $122.5 million in guaranteed money, a person familiar with the contract terms confirmed. The $34 million average annual value of the extension makes Bosa, 25, the NFL's highest-paid defensive player, surpassing the $31.7 million average of defensive tackle Aaron Donald's three-year, $95 million deal with the Los Angeles Rams.

The 49ers confirmed the deal with Bosa, who had one season remaining on his contract, without specifying the contract terms.

The 49ers open Sunday at Pittsburgh. Coach Kyle Shanahan said he expects Bosa to play.

— Mark Maske

• **COMMANDERS:** Washington wide receiver Terry McLaurin (turf toe) and defensive end Chase Young (stinger) practiced on a limited basis and said they hope to play Sunday in the season opener against Arizona.

"I'm confident in what's going on right now — I really am," McLaurin said.

Young has not been medically cleared for full contact. He is expected to receive clarity from his doctor later in the week.

— Nicki Jhabvala

• **CHIEFS:** Travis Kelce was held out of Kansas City's final workout and listed as questionable for Thursday night's season opener against Detroit. The all-pro tight end hyperextended his knee in practice Tuesday.

• **BENGALS:** Quarterback Joe Burrow (calf) went full speed in practice and said he's on track to play in Cincinnati's season opener Sunday at Cleveland.

• **RAMS:** Los Angeles wide receiver Cooper Kupp (hamstring) and rookie backup quarterback Stetson Bennett (right shoulder) will miss the season opener in Seattle on Sunday.

• **PANTHERS:** Two-time Pro Bowl linebacker Brian Burns returned to practice amid stalled talks on a contract extension, although his status for Sunday's opener at Atlanta is unclear.

• **MISC.:** Edge rusher Carl Nassib, the NFL's first openly gay player to take part in a regular season game, announced his retirement after seven seasons in the league. He spent last season with Tampa Bay.

— Associated Press

JERRY BREWER

Hopes are sky-high in Detroit. The Lions don't want to crash.

BREWER FROM D1

This is much different from adhering to Thanksgiving tradition and force-feeding the lowly Lions to a captive national television audience in November. This is the league anointing them one of its most compelling teams. It shouldn't be a surprise, except for the franchise's reputation. When we last saw the Lions, they went to Green Bay on a Sunday night and concluded the 2022 regular season by outlasting the Packers and triggering the departure of the great Aaron Rodgers, a legendary tormentor of Detroit. The Packers needed to win to make the playoffs, and the Lions were playing solely for pride. And that was enough. The lasting memory elevated the perception of the Lions, lifting them from a promising team that got hot when the stakes were low to a burgeoning force with a flashy offensive scheme and the kneecap-nibbling mind-set of a contender.

And here they are now, with a chance to make a deeper impression. Detroit fits the profile of a team on the rise. In 2021, Campbell's first season, the Lions went 3-13-1. They started 1-6 a year ago before recovering to finish 9-8. They fashioned a top-five offense last season, with coordinator Ben Johnson designing plays that made football nerds swoon and restoring the stardom of quarterback Jared Goff, who turned back the clock to his productive Los Angeles Rams days.

Wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown is a star, and like a poor man's version of the Chiefs, Detroit found ways to be effective in Johnson's system without dynamic secondary receiving options. Goff spread the ball around, making the simple plays and trusting his teammates. The running game was similarly solid. It enabled Detroit to have some success despite a defense that ranked last in yards allowed.

In the NFL, it's not difficult for most teams to advance from terrible to mediocre. The hardest step is the one Detroit must take this season. As a popular pick to win an NFC North in transition, the Lions are expected to open a window of contention. They enter this year on a six-season playoff drought. They have made the postseason just three times this century. They rarely have been decent with much consistency since Barry Sanders dazzled and Coach Wayne Fontes led them to four playoff appearances in a five-year span in the 1990s.

The previous time the Lions had something going, they fired Jim Caldwell after he posted three winning seasons in four years because former general manager Bob Quinn and Lions ownership "wanted to take this team to the next level." Then they hired Patricia and face-planted back into the sewer.

If Campbell can lead Detroit to a division title, it would be its first since 1993. Yet for as daunting as it seems, Campbell embraces the challenge. He worries about hype, but only because he wants to use it as motivation for his team to put in the work and earn a new status.

"I don't feel weight," he told reporters. "I feel wind under my freakin' wings, man."

"Truthfully?" a reporter wondered.

"Truthfully," the 47-year-old former tight end said. "Absolutely, absolutely. I love this, man. This is outstanding. I love our fans. They feel it like we feel it. This is not a burden. This is not pressure. This is not weight. This gives me inspiration. That's what it does for me."

Campbell has grown from seeming cartoonish in his first news conference to a respected young coach. He is, by far, the most entertaining coach in a league of corporate and circumspect men who would rather blow into a whistle than say anything insightful to the media. Campbell is a normal dude and an underrated CEO. He hired a great coaching staff, led by Johnson and defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn, to complement him. He inherited a team with a losing mentality and fostered belief in the locker room. Now, he must stay ahead of the panic, which won't be easy with Detroit playing Kansas City and the Seattle Seahawks, two playoff teams, to start the season.

On paper, Detroit seems capable of handling the expectations. The Lions still seem thin on talent at the skill positions, but their quality might make up for any concerns about depth. They added Jahmyr Gibbs, the No. 12 pick of the April draft, as a multidimensional player in their backfield after moving on from running backs Jamaal Williams and D'Andre Swift. If Johnson uses him correctly, Gibbs profiles as a hybrid running back/wide receiver.

But while the fascination is with Detroit's offense, the defense must improve if the team hopes to contend. The Lions have added significant talent at linebacker and defensive back, which could help them become better than a defense that either gives up the big play or creates big plays of its own with sacks and takeaways. Glenn has the passion and teaching instincts to build a competent unit around defensive end Aidan Hutchinson. Now, he must do so.

For the Lions, the upside is tremendous. But they know, until they prove themselves, the fear will remain. There are two sides to hype, and they inspire different questions. For most teams, you wonder: "Are they for real?" For others, you can't get past "What could go wrong?"

Over 94 feeble seasons, Detroit has seen its fleeting moments of upside get drowned out by the fear. Maybe this time, though, the Lions can live in possibility.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S GAME
Detroit at Kansas City (-5½), 8:20

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Washington (-7), 1
Houston at Baltimore (-10), 1
Carolina at Atlanta (-3½), 1
Cincinnati (-2½) at Cleveland, 1
Jacksonville (-4½) at Indianapolis, 1
San Francisco (-2½) at Pittsburgh, 1
Tampa Bay at Minnesota (-6), 1
Tennessee at New Orleans (-3), 1
Green Bay at Chicago (-1½), 4:25
L.A. Rams at Seattle (-5½), 4:25
Las Vegas at Denver (-4), 4:25
Miami at L.A. Chargers (-3), 4:25
Philadelphia (-4) at New England, 4:25
Dallas (-3½) at N.Y. Giants, 8:20

MONDAY'S GAME
Buffalo (-2½) at N.Y. Jets, 8:15

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

THURSDAY'S GAME
SOUTH
Murray State (1-0) at Louisville (1-0), 7:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Stony Brook (0-1) at Rhode Island (0-1), 7

MIDWEST
Indiana State (0-1) at Indiana (0-1), 7
Illinois (1-0) at Kansas (1-0), 7:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Delaware State (0-1) at Army (0-1), noon
Holy Cross (1-0) at Boston College (0-1), Noon
Stonehill (0-1) at Central Connecticut State (1-0), noon
Delaware (1-0) at Penn State (1-0), Noon
Sacred Heart (0-1) at Georgetown (1-0), 12:30
Miami (Ohio) (0-1) at Massachusetts (1-1), 3:30
Wagner (0-1) at Navy (0-1), 3:30
Western Michigan (1-0) at Syracuse (1-0), 3:30
Lehigh (0-1) at Merrimack (0-1), 4
Fordham (1-1) at Buffalo (0-1), 6
Duquesne (1-0) at West Virginia (0-1), 6
St. Francis (Pa.) (0-1) at Robert Morris (0-1), 6
Colgate (0-1) at Villanova (1-0), 6
LIU Brooklyn (0-1) at Bryant (0-1), 6
Monmouth (NJ) (0-1) at Towson (0-1), 6
VMI (1-0) at Bucknell (0-1), 6
Cincinnati (1-0) at Pittsburgh (1-0), 6:30
Morehouse (0-0) at Howard (0-1), 7
Charlotte (1-0) at Maryland (1-0), 7:30
Temple (1-0) at Rutgers (1-0), 7:30

SOUTH
Vanderbilt (2-0) at Wake Forest (1-0), 11 a.m.
Purdue (0-1) at Virginia Tech (1-0), Noon
Notre Dame (2-0) at North Carolina State (1-0), noon
Ball State (0-1) at Georgia (1-0), noon
James Madison (1-0) at Virginia (0-1), noon
Virginia Lynchburg (0-0) at Presbyterian (0-1), 1
South Carolina State (0-2) at Georgia Tech (0-1), 1
Charleston Southern (1-0) at Clemson (0-1), 2:15
Samford (1-0) at Western Carolina (0-1), 2:30
Eastern Kentucky (0-1) at Kentucky (1-0), 3
Campbell (0-1) at The Citadel (0-1), 3
Mississippi (1-0) at Tulane (1-0), 3:30
Texas A&M (1-0) at Miami (1-0), 3:30
Marshall (1-0) at East Carolina (0-1), 4
Southeastern Louisiana (0-1) at South Alabama (0-1), 5
Austin Peay (0-1) at Tennessee (1-0), 5
Appalachian State (1-0) at North Carolina (1-0), 5:15
Kennesaw State (1-0) at Chattanooga (0-1), 6
Wofford (0-1) at William & Mary (1-0), 6
UAB (1-0) at Georgia Southern (1-0), 6
Norfolk State (0-1) at Hampton (1-0), 6
Louisiana Lafayette (1-0) at Old Dominion (0-1), 6
Ohio (1-1) at Florida Atlantic (1-0), 6
Miles (0-0) at Alabama State (1-0), 6
New Mexico State (1-1) at Liberty (1-0), 6
Elon (0-1) at Gardner-Webb (0-1), 6
Lafayette (1-0) at Duke (1-0), 6
North Texas (0-1) at Florida International (1-1), 6:30
Florida A&M (1-0) at South Florida (0-1), 7
Texas (1-0) at Alabama (1-0), 7
Houston Christian (1-0) at Western Kentucky (1-0), 7
Connecticut (0-1) at Georgia State (1-0), 7
Northwestern State (0-1) at Louisiana Tech (1-1), 7
Jackson State (1-1) at Southern (0-1), 7
Webber International (0-0) at Stetson (1-0), 7
Lane (0-0) at Alabama A&M (0-1), 7
Missouri State (0-1) at UT Martin (0-1), 7
Morehead State (1-0) at Mercer (1-1), 7
Jacksonville State (2-0) at Coastal Carolina (0-1), 7
North Carolina Central (1-0) at North Carolina A&T (0-1), 7
Barton (0-0) at Davidson (0-1), 7
McNeese State (0-1) at Florida (0-1), 7:30
Grambling State (0-1) at LSU (0-1), 7:30
Arizona (1-0) at Mississippi State (1-0), 7:30
Furman (1-0) at South Carolina (0-1), 7:30
Lamar (0-1) at Louisiana-Monroe (1-0), 8
Southern Mississippi (1-0) at Florida State (1-0), 8:30

MIDWEST
Troy (1-0) at Kansas State (1-0), noon
Youngstown State (1-0) at Ohio State (1-0), noon
Central State (Ohio) (1-0) at Dayton (0-1), 1
Taylor (0-0) at Butler (0-1), 1
New Hampshire (1-0) at Central Michigan (0-1), 1:30
Eastern Illinois (1-0) at Bowling Green (0-1), 2
St. Thomas (Minn.) (1-0) at South Dakota (0-1), 2
Maine (0-1) at North Dakota State (1-0), 3:30
UTEP (1-1) at Northwestern (0-1), 3:30
UNLV (1-0) at Michigan (1-0), 3:30
Richmond (0-1) at Michigan State (1-0), 3:30
Southern Illinois (1-0) at Northern Illinois (1-0), 3:30
Texas Southern (0-1) at Toledo (0-1), 3:30
Iowa (1-0) at Iowa State (1-0), 3:30
Illinois State (1-0) at Western Illinois (0-1), 4
Northern Arizona (0-1) at North Dakota (1-0), 4
Weber State (1-0) at Northern Iowa (0-1), 5
Morgan State (1-0) at Akron (0-1), 6
Lindenwood (Mo.) (1-0) at SE Missouri (0-1), 7
Middle Tennessee (0-1) at Missouri (1-0), 7
Montana State (1-0) at South Dakota State (1-0), 7
Eastern Michigan (1-0) at Minnesota (1-0), 7:30

SOUTHWEST
Utah (1-0) at Baylor (0-1), Noon
Texas State (1-0) at UTSA (0-1), 3:30
Kent State (0-1) at Arkansas (1-0), 4
SMU (1-0) at Oklahoma (1-0), 6
Alcorn State (0-1) at Stephen F. Austin (0-1), 7
Memphis (1-0) at Arkansas State (0-1), 7
Oregon (1-0) at Texas Tech (0-1), 7
Houston (1-0) at Rice (0-1), 7
Texas College (0-0) at Central Arkansas (0-1), 7
North Alabama (1-1) at Tarleton State (1-0), 7
Abilene Christian (1-0) at Prairie View (1-0), 7
Nicholls (0-1) at TCU (0-1), 8
Sam Houston State (0-1) vs. Air Force (1-0), 8

WEST
Nebraska (0-1) at Colorado (1-0), noon
Southern Utah (0-1) at BYU (1-0), 3
Incarnate Word (0-1) at Northern Colorado (0-1), 4
Portland State (0-1) at Wyoming (1-0), 4
Colorado Mesa (0-0) at San Diego (0-1), 4
Cal Poly (1-0) at San Jose State (0-2), 4
Tulsa (1-0) at Washington (1-0), 5
UCF (1-0) at Boise State (0-1), 7
Idaho (1-0) at Nevada (0-1), 7
UCLA (1-0) at San Diego State (2-0), 7:30
Wisconsin (1-0) at Washington State (1-0), 7:30
Idaho State (0-1) at Utah State (0-1), 8
Tennessee Tech (0-1) at New Mexico (0-1), 8
Montana (1-0) at Utah Tech (0-1), 9
Eastern Washington (0-1) at Fresno State (1-0), 9
UC Davis (1-0) at Oregon State (1-0), 9
Texas A&M Commerce (0-1) at Sacramento State (1-0), 10
Auburn (1-0) at California (1-0), 10:30
Oklahoma State (1-0) at Arizona State (1-0), 10:30
Stanford (1-0) at Southern California (2-0), 10:30
Albany (N.Y.) (1-1) at Hawaii (0-2), 11:59

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	31	7	.816	—
y-Connecticut	26	12	.684	5
y-Atlanta	18	20	.474	13
y-Washington	18	20	.474	13
Chicago	16	22	.421	15
Indiana	12	26	.316	19

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Las Vegas	32	6	.842	—
y-Dallas	20	18	.526	12
y-Minnesota	19	19	.500	13
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	16
Seattle	11	27	.289	21
Phoenix	9	29	.237	23

y-Clinched playoff spot

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 100, at Phoenix 77
Chicago 96, at Indiana 69
at Connecticut 90, Los Angeles 76
New York 94, at Dallas 93

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
at Atlanta 79, Seattle 68

THURSDAY'S GAME
Los Angeles at New York, 7

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Washington, 7
Indiana at Connecticut, 7
Minnesota at Chicago, 8
Seattle at Dallas, 8
Las Vegas at Phoenix, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

Dream 79, Storm 68

Seattle	24	16	12	16	—	68
Atlanta	19	28	18	14	—	79

SEATTLE	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Horston	24:46	0-5	0-0	0-1	3	3	0
Magbegor	32:42	3-7	5-6	1-8	4	3	12
Fankam Mendjiadeu	14:06	0-1	2-2	1-5	0	1	2
Loyd	38:59	8-25	9-10	2-5	1	0	26
Whitcomb	33:06	5-10	0-0	1-2	2	3	13
Russell	25:54	4-7	0-0	1-6	1	2	8
Nurse	20:10	2-6	2-2	0-2	1	1	7
Holmes	7:18	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Melbourne	2:58	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	200	22-61	18-20	6-30	12	14	68

Percentages: FG .361, FT .900. **3-Point Goals:** 6-20, .300 (Whitcomb 3-6, Magbegor 1-2, Nurse 1-3, Loyd 1-8, Horston 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 6 (Magbegor 4, Horston, Russell). **Turnovers:** 12 (Whitcomb 5, Russell 3, Horston 2, Loyd, Magbegor). **Steals:** 4 (Whitcomb 2, Loyd, Magbegor). **Technical Fouls:** None.

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Billings	33:23	6-11	3-3	2-14	4	1	15
Howard	31:54	3-12	3-3	0-6	7	2	10
Parker	31:14	7-14	3-4	4-6	0	4	17
Gray	32:55	9-22	0-0	0-3	2	2	18
Robinson	27:39	4-5	1-2	1-3	4	3	9
McDonald	18:13	2-4	0-0	0-0	7	1	5
Hillmon	10:19	0-0	0-0	1-3	0	5	0
Durr	7:05	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Rupert	5:04	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	0	3
Jones	2:14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	33-72	10-12	8-37	24	19	79

Percentages: FG .458, FT .833. **3-Point Goals:** 3-14, .214 (Rupert 1-1, McDonald 1-2, Howard 1-4, Billings 0-1, Gray 0-6). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Parker 2, Gray). **Turnovers:** 10 (Gray 2, Hillmon 2, McDonald 2, Parker 2, Billings, Jones). **Steals:** 3 (Gray 2, Billings). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 2,731 (3,500).

Mystics 100, Mercury 77

Late Tuesday

Washington	31	19	20	30	—	100
Phoenix	18	15	17	27	—	77

WASHINGTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Sykes	31:27	8-15	0-0	0-4	4	3	18
Walker-Kimbrough	33:43	7-7	0-0	0-2	1	0	17
Hines-Allen	20:23	2-8	0-0	0-8	8	2	4
Cloud	32:31	6-8	5-5	0-5	10	2	20
Delle Donne	23:54	9-15	4-4	0-4	0	1	24
Hawkins	23:22	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	3	2
Meng	21:45	4-6	0-0	0-0	2	0	11
Egbo	12:55	1-5	2-2	0-4	0	4	4
TOTALS	200	38-67	11-11	1-29	26	15	100

Percentages: FG .567, FT 1.000. **3-Point Goals:** 13-23, .565 (Walker-Kimbrough 3-3, Cloud 3-4, Meng 3-5, Delle Donne 2-2, Sykes 2-5, Hawkins 0-2, Hines-Allen 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 3. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Hawkins 2, Meng, Walker-Kimbrough). **Turnovers:** 7 (Cloud 3, Walker-Kimbrough 2, Hawkins, Meng). **Steals:** 6 (Sykes 2, Delle Donne, Egbo, Hines-Allen, Walker-Kimbrough). **Technical Fouls:** None.

PHOENIX	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Onyenwere	28:26	6-8	7-7	2-3	1	1	19
Turner	24:26	1-2	0-2	1-7	0	0	2
Griner	21:16	6-13	4-5	0-2	5	3	16
Jefferson	27:24	4-12	0-0	0-4	5	0	11
Sutton	34:26	2-8	2-4	0-2	7	1	6
Joens	29:44	3-8	0-0	0-3	0	3	8
Gustafson	18:44	6-9	0-0	3-7	3	2	13
Sissoko	15:34	1-5	0-0	1-3	1	2	2
TOTALS	200	29-65	13-18	7-31	22	12	77

Percentages: FG .446, FT .722. **3-Point Goals:** 6-17, .353 (Jefferson 3-5, Joens 2-5, Gustafson 1-2, Onyenwere 0-1, Sutton 0-1, Sissoko 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Gustafson). **Turnovers:** 12 (Griner 3, Sutton 3, Jefferson 2, Turner 2, Gustafson, Sissoko). **Steals:** 4 (Onyenwere 2, Joens, Sutton). **Technical Fouls:** None.

FIBA World Cup

At Mall of Asia Arena; in Manila, Philippines

QUARTERFINALS
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Serbia 87, Lithuania 68
United States 100, Italy 63

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Germany 81, Latvia 79
Canada 100, Slovenia 89

CLASSIFICATION ROUND
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Italy vs. Latvia, 4:45 a.m.
Lithuania vs. Slovenia, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Italy/Latvia loser vs. Lithuania/Slovenia loser, TBD
Italy/Latvia winner vs. Lithuania/Slovenia winner, TBD

SEMIFINALS
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Serbia vs. Canada, 4:45 a.m.
United States vs. Gemany, 8:40 a.m.

FINALS
SUNDAY'S GAMES
THIRD PLACE
United States/Gemany loser vs. Serbia/Canada loser. 4:30 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
United States/Gemany winner vs. Serbia/Canada winner, 8:40 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

MLB: Placed Los Angeles Dodgers RHP Julio Urias on administrative leave.
Los Angeles Angels: Selected the contract of CF Brett Phillips from Salt Lake (IL). Optioned 2B Michael Stefanic to Salt Lake.
Minnesota Twins: Sent RHP Chris Paddack to Fort Myers (FSL) on a rehab assignment.
New York Yankees: Recalled LHP Matt Krook from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Placed RHP Keynan Middleton on the 15-day IL, retroactive to September 3.
Atlanta Braves: Placed RHPs Collin McHugh and Michael Soroka on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHPs Ben Heller and Darius Vines from Gwinnett (IL).
Miami Marlins: Selected the contract of LHP Devin Smeltzer from Jacksonville (IL). Recalled RHP Edward Cabrera and OF Dane Myers from Jacksonville. Designated RHP Geoff Hartlieb for assignment. Placed RF Jorge Soler on the 10-day IL. and RHP Sandy Alcantara on the 15-day IL, retroactive to September 4.
Pittsbugh Pirates: Recalled INF Jared Triolo from Indianapolis (IL). Placed DH/OF Andrew McCutchen on the 10-day IL, retroactive to September 5.

NBA

Los Angeles Lakers: Signed F Christian Wood.

NFL

Houston Texans: Signed RB Larry Roundtree and S Scott Nelson to the practice squad. Placed S Brandon Hill on the practice squad injured reserve. Placed OT Tytus Howard on injured reserve.
Indianapolis Colts: Released TE Ricky Seals-Jones with an injury settlement.
Miami Dolphins: Released TE Eric Saubert with an injury settlement. Signed LS Blake Ferguson to a two-year contract extension.
San Francisco 49ers: Signed DE Nick Bosa to a five-year contract extension. Waived DB Tayler Hawkins with an injury settlement.
Seattle Seahawks: Waived LB Vi Jones with an injury settlement.
Washington Commanders: Signed WR Jamison Crowder and CB Keidron Smith to the practice squad. Released DE William Bradley-King and C Nolan Laufenberg from the practice squad.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	17	4	6	57	44	30
New England	13	5	8	47	45	31
Orlando City	13	6	8	47	41	31
Philadelphia	14	8	4	46	47	31
Columbus	13	8	6	45	54	37
Atlanta	11	8	9	42	51	43
Nashville	11	9	7	40	32	27
CF Montréal	11	14	2	35	28	40
D.C. United	9	12	6	33	37	38
Chicago	8	11	8	32	32	42
Charlotte FC	7	9	10	31	34	43
New York City FC	6	10	12	30	28	36
New York	7	12	8	29	24	33
Inter Miami CF	7	14	4	25	27	37
Toronto FC	4	13	10	22	23	39

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis City SC	15	10	2	47	53	35
Seattle	11	9	8	41	34	29
Los Angeles FC	11	8	7	40	40	30
Real Salt Lake	11	9	7	40	38	39
Houston	11	10	6	39	36	31
Vancouver	10	8	8	38	43	36
Minnesota United	9	8	9	36	33	32
San Jose	9	9	9	36	32	36
FC Dallas	9	10	7	34	29	30
Austin FC	9	12	6	33	38	43
Sporting KC	8	11	8	32	36	37
Portland	7	11	9	30	32	44
LA Galaxy	7	10	8	29	31	39
Colorado	3	13	10	19	16	39

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at D.C. United 4, Chicago 0
Vancouver 1, at New York City FC 1
Orlando City 1, at Cincinnati 0
Columbus 4, at CF Montréal 2
Austin FC 2, at New England 2
Atlanta 2, at FC Dallas 2
at Sporting KC 2, St. Louis City SC 1
Charlotte FC 1, at Nashville 1
at Real Salt Lake 2, Colorado 0
Houston 0, at LA Galaxy 0
Minnesota 1, at San Jose 1
Portland 2, at Seattle 2

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Philadelphia 4, New York 1
Miami 3, at Los Angeles FC 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
San Jose at D.C. United, 7:30
Sporting KC at Miami, 7:30
New England at Minnesota, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
St. Louis City SC at LA Galaxy, 8

MLS LEADERS

Through Sunday.

GOALS

Hany Mukhtar, NSH	14
Luciano Acosta, CIN	13
Giorgos Giakoumakis, ATL	13
Denis Bouanga, LFC	12
Julian Carranza, PHI	12
Cristian Espinoza, SJ	12
Alan Pulido, KC	12
Daniel Gazdag, PHI	11
Facundo Torres, ORL	11

ASSISTS

Thiago Almada, ATL	14
Hector Herrera, HOU	13
Carles Gil, NE	12
Luciano Acosta, CIN	11
Daniel Gazdag, PHI	10
Juan Hernandez, CLB	10
Nico Lodeiro, SEA	10
Eduard Loewen, STL	10

SAVES

Roman Buerki, STL	100
Djordje Petrovic, NE	98
Drake Callender, MCF	96
Brad Stuver, ATX	96
Joe Willis, NSH	79
Patrick Schulte, CLB	78

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	6	3	30	26	20
Portland	8	5	5	29	38	25
North Carolina	8	6	4	28	26	19
OL Reign	8	7	3	27	25	21
Gotham FC	7	5	6	27	21	19
Washington	6	4	8	26	24	25
Louisville	5	4	9	24	22	18
Angel City	6	6	6	24	22	25
Orlando	7	10	1	22	21	24
Houston	4	6	8	20	12	15
Chicago	6	10	2	20	22	39
Kansas City	6	11	1	19	19	28

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Gotham FC 3, at North Carolina 3
at Louisville 2, Portland 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 2, at Washington 0
at OL Reign 1, Orlando 0
at San Diego 1, Houston 0

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
Houston at Louisville, 7:30

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
Washington at Gotham FC, 7:30
Kansas City at San Diego, 10
OL Reign at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
Angel City at Chicago, 6
North Carolina at Orlando, 7

English Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man City	4	4	0	0	11	2	12
Tottenham	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
Liverpool	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
West Ham	4	3	1	0	9	4	10
Arsenal	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
Brighton	4	3	0	1	12	6	9
Crystal Palace	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Brentford	4	1	3	0	8	5	6
Nottingham Forest	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
Aston Villa	4	2	0	2	8	9	6
Man United	4	2	0	2	5	7	6
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Fulham	4	1	1	2	4	10	4
Newcastle	4	1	0	3	7	7	3
Wolverhampton	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
Bournemouth	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Sheffield United	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
Everton	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
Luton Town	3	0	0	3	2	9	0
Burnley	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

FRIDAY'S RESULT
West Ham 2, Luton Town 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Sheffield United 2, Everton 2
Brentford 2, Bournemouth 2
Tottenham 5, Burnley 2
Nottingham Forest 1, Chelsea 0
Man City 5, Fulham 1
Brighton 3, Newcastle 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Crystal Palace 3, Wolverhampton 2
Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 0
Arsenal 3, Man United 1

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
Wolverhampton vs. Liverpool, 7:30 a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.
Fulham vs. Luton Town, 10 a.m.
Man United vs. Brighton, 10 a.m.
Tottenham vs. Sheffield United, 10 a.m.
West Ham vs. Man City, 10 a.m.
Newcastle vs. Brentford, 12:30

Spanish La Liga

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Madrid	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
Girona	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Barcelona	4	3	1	0	8	4	10
Atletico	3	2	1	0	10	1	7
Athletic Bilbao	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Cadiz	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Betis	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Sociedad	4	1	3	0	7	5	6
Osasuna	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Alaves	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Valencia	4	2	0	2	4	4	6
Rayo Vallecano	4	2	0	2	4	8	6
Celta Vigo	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Getafe	4	1	1	2	2	5	4
Villarreal	4	1	0	3	6	9	3
Granada	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
Mallorca	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Las Palmas	4	0	2	2	1	3	2
Almeria	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
Sevilla	3	0	0	3	5	8	0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Cadiz 3, Villarreal 1
Celta Vigo 3, Almeria 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Sociedad 5, Granada 3
Madrid 2, Getafe 1
Alaves 1, Valencia 0
Betis 1, Rayo Vallecano 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Girona 1, Las Palmas 0
Mallorca 0, Athletic Bilbao 0
Barcelona 2, Osasuna 1
Atletico vs. Sevilla, ppd.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
Rayo Vallecano vs. Alaves, 3

TENNIS

U.S. Open

At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
In New York
Purse: $44,700,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS
Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, def. Andrey Rublev (8), Russia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; Carlos Alcaraz (1), Spain, def. Alexander Zverev (12), Germany, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS
Aryna Sabalenka (2), Belarus, def. Zheng Qinwen (23), China, 6-1, 6-4; Madison Keys (17), United States, def. Marketa Vondrousova (9), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Laura Siegemund (12), Germany, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Wang Xinyu (8), China, def. Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff (3), United States, 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES — SEMIFINALS
Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Ena Shibahara, Japan, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; Austin Krajicek and Jessica Pegula (1), United States, def. Taylor Townsend and Ben Shelton, United States, 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, 10-3.

HIGH SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
VOLLEYBALL
MARYLAND
Damascus def. Blake 3-0
Huntingtown def. Chopticon 3-0
Mount De Sales def. Eleanor Roosevelt 3-1 (25-12, 23-25, 25-23, 25-18)
Wootton def. Bethesda-Chevy Chase 3-0

PRIVATE
Roland Park def. Glenelg Country 3-1 (29-27, 25-18, 22-25, 25-12)
St. John's def. Paul VI 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-19)

FIELD HOCKEY
MARYLAND
Clarksburg 6, Poolesville 1
Urbana 2, Bethesda-Chevy Chase 1

PRIVATE
St. John's 9, Bullis 0

BOYS' SOCCER
MARYLAND
Bethesda-Chevy Chase 1, Richard Montgomery 0
Broadneck 3, Chesapeake 1
Quince Orchard 3, Walter Johnson 1
Severna Park 4, St. Mary's Ryken 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
MARYLAND
Broadneck 1, Chesapeake 1

PRIVATE
Archbishop Spalding 3, Bishop O'Connell 3

FOOTBALL
THURSDAY'S GAMES
MARYLAND
Lackey at McDonough, 7
Seneca Valley at Blair, 6:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
D.C.
Anacostia at H.D. Woodson, 6
Bell at Roosevelt, 6
Coolidge at Fort Hill, 5
Dunbar (Baltimore) at Dunbar, 6
Eastern at McKinley Tech, 6
Paul Public Charter at Jackson-Reed, 6
Richard Wright at Phelps, 6
Ron Brown at KIPP Legacy, 4
Surrattsville at Ballou, 7

MARYLAND
Annapolis at Glen Burnie, 6
Bethesda-Chevy Chase at Churchill, 6:30
Blake at Kennedy, 6:30
Broadneck at Arundel, 6
Chopticon at Calvert, 7
Clarksburg at Wheaton, 7
Conordia Prep at Old Mill, 6
Damascus at Northwest, 6:30
DuVal at Laurel, 7
Eleanor Roosevelt at Wise, 7
Hammond at Glenelg, 7
Fairmont Heights at Friendly, 6:30
Gaithersburg at Quince Orchard, 6:30
Great Mills at Leonardtown, 6
La Plata at North Point, 7
Long Reach at Atholton, 7
Mt. Hebron at Marriotts Ridge, 7
North County at Francis Scott Key, 6:30
Northeast at Crofton, 6
Northwestern at Bladensburg, 7
Oxon Hill at C.H. Flowers, 7
Paint Branch at Sherwood, 6:30
Parkdale at Bowie, 7
Patuxent at Huntingtown, 7
Poolesville at Walkersville, 7
Reservoir at Oakland Mills, 8
Richard Montgomery at Walter Johnson, 7
River Hill at Howard, 7
Severn School at Meade, 6
Severna Park at South River, 6
Southern at Digital Harbor, 6
Springbrook at Einstein, 6:30
Suitland at High Point, 7
Thomas Stone at Northern, 7
Watkins Mill at Magruder, 6:30
Westlake at St. Charles, 7
Whitman at Northwood, 6:30
Wilde Lake at Centennial, 7
Wootton at Rockville, 7

VIRGINIA
Annandale at Hayfield, 7
Battlefield at Gar-Field, 7
Brentsville at Millbrook, 7
Broad Run at Briar Woods, 7
Brooke Point at Independence, 7
Chantilly at McLean, 7
DeMatha at Freedom (Woodbridge), 7
Edison at Langley, 7
Fairfax at Centreville, 7
Forest Park at Alexandria City, 7
Friendship Collegiate at Mount Vernon, 7
Gainesville at Woodbridge, 7
Heritage at Potomac Falls, 7
Herndon at Osbourn Park, 7
Hylton at Osbourn, 7
Jefferson at Mountain View, 7
Loudoun Valley at Champe, 7
Marshall at Justice, 7
Oakton at W.T. Woodson, 7
Park View at Manassas Park, 7
Patriot at Freedom (South Riding), 7
Potomac at Colonial Forge, 7
Riverside at Dominion, 7
Robinson at Madison, 7
Sherando at Lightridge, 7
South County at West Springfield, 7
South Lakes at Falls Church, 7
Stafford at Colgan, 7
Stone Bridge at Woodgrove, 7
Strasburg at Rock Ridge, 7
Tuscarora at Loudoun County, 7
Washington-Liberty at Lewis, 7
Westfield at Lake Braddock, 7
Yorktown at Wakefield, 7

PRIVATE
Central Maryland Christian at Sidwell Friends, 4:30
Flint Hill at St. Christopher's, 6:30
Gonzaga at Fordham Prep (N.Y.), 7
John Carroll at Pallotti, 7
Life Christian Academy at Good Counsel, 7
Loyola Blakefield at Georgetown Prep, 7
Maret at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, 7
McDonogh at St. Mary's (Annapolis), 7
Mt. Zion Prep at Beacon Hill HomeSchool, TBA
Potomac School at Paul VI, 7
Rock Creek Christian at Lowndes (Ga.), 8
Severn at Meade, 7
St. Paul's at Landon, 4
Valley Forge Military Academy at Model, 7
Virginia Academy at St. John's Catholic Prep , 6:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES
D.C.
KIPP at Cardozo, noon

MARYLAND
Chesapeake at Queen Anne's, noon
Gwynn Park at Douglass, 2
Largo at Central, 2
Potomac at Crossland, 2

PRIVATE
Archbishop Spalding at Imhotep Charter (Pa.), 2
Riverdale Baptist at Bishop McNamara, 1
St. Albans at Bishop O'Connell, noon
St. John's at Erasmus Hall (N.Y.), noon
St. Mary's Ryken at Mount St. Joseph, 1
St. Michael the Archangel at Episcopal, 2

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3.	Jon Rahm	9.57
4.	Viktor Hovland	7.67
5.	Patrick Cantlay	7.47
6.	Xander Schauffele	6.78
7.	Max Homa	5.39
8.	Matt Fitzpatrick	5.23
9.	Brian Harman	5.07
10.	Wyndham Clark	4.92
11.	Cameron Smith	4.50
12.	Jordan Spieth	4.41
13.	Tyrrell Hatton	4.30
14.	Tommy Fleetwood	4.19
15.	Brooks Koepka	4.19
16.	Keegan Bradley	4.11
17.	Cameron Young	4.10
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Notice of Application for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certification and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing

The Water and Science Administration is reviewing the following applications for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certifications. The applications and related information are on file at the Administration. Arrangements may be made for inspection and copying of file materials. Interested parties may provide written comments on the application or request an informational hearing on any listed application. A request for a hearing must be in writing and provide the following information: 1) Name, Address, and Telephone Number of the person making the request; 2) The identity of any other person(s) the requestor is representing; and 3) the specific issues proposed to be considered at the hearing. Please refer to the case number (i.e., 00-NT-0000, 00-WL-000, 00-WP-000, 00-WQC-0000) which identifies each application. Address correspondence to the attention of the Administration contact contained in the project's public notice. If none is listed, send correspondence to the Wetlands and Waterways Program, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland, 21230. For questions regarding any public notice, you can contact the Wetlands and Waterways Program by Telephone; (410) 537-3751. Written comments or requests for a hearing must be received on or before November 2, 2023 unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice.

MULTIPLE COUNTIES

23-WQC-0007/202061983: Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail, 6 South Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 has requested a State Water Quality Certification for a dedicated alignment and structures for a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) transportation system between Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, with an intermediate stop at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI) Airport. The SCMAGLEV alignment consists of both below ground and elevated rail on viaduct. SCMAGLEV infrastructure in Maryland includes the Cherry Hill Station and supporting ancillary facility sites such as maintenance of way (MOW), train maintenance facility (TMF), substations, systems, and fresh air/emergency egress facilities. The majority (approximately 70%) of the rail alignment in Maryland will be below ground with the remaining rail alignment elevated on concrete piers. The below ground sections will be installed using tunnel boring machines. The Project encompasses portions of Prince George's County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City. The proposed project is located within the following 8-digit watersheds: Anacostia River (02140205), Baltimore Harbor (02130903), Gwynns Falls (02130905), Little Patuxent River (02131105), Patapsco River Lower North Branch (02130906), Severn River (02131002), and Patuxent River Upper (02131104). All potential discharges are located within Use Class I and II waterways. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) are developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 USC 4321 et seq. At this time the alignment proposed in the request for Water Quality Certification (known as J-03) has not been accepted as the preferred alignment under NEPA. The proposed alignment will permanently impact 22.63 acres (985,631 square feet) of nontidal wetlands, 11.37 acres (495,071 square feet) of the nontidal wetlands buffer, and 8,781 linear feet (50,708 square feet) of nontidal waterways. The proposed project would temporarily impact 27.77 acres (1,209,800 square feet) of nontidal wetlands, 21.08 acres (918,308 square feet) of the nontidal wetlands buffer, and 17,691 linear feet (85,359 square feet) of nontidal waterways. Proposed impacts to Nontidal Wetlands of Special Concern (NTWSSC) and their expanded buffers are included in the above totals and consist of the following: permanent impacts to 1.96 acres (85,237 square feet) of NTWSSC and 2.97 acres (129,561 square feet) of NTWSSC expanded buffer, and temporary impacts to 0.49 acres (21,538 square feet) of NTWSSC and 3.56 acres (154,874 square feet) of NTWSSC expanded buffer. Approximately 52.6 acres of impacts to the 100-year nontidal floodplain are proposed. Tunnel crossings underneath tidal portions of the Patapsco and Anacostia Rivers would result in approximately 0.82 acres (35,578 square feet) of impacts to tidal wetlands. Compensatory mitigation requirements for all unavoidable impacts will be met through a combination of mitigation bank credits and permittee-responsible mitigation. Impacts are proposed within the Tier II watersheds of Beaverdam Creek 1 and Patuxent River 1; a social and economic justification (SEJ) is required for unavoidable impacts to the Beaverdam Creek 1 and Patuxent River 1 Tier II watersheds. The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public about the proposed work and to announce the date of multiple Maryland Department of the Environment public informational hearings on the subject application. At this time, no decision has been made with regard to the request for water quality certification. Three in-person public hearings will be held for the project at the following locations:

1. Wednesday, October 11, 2023: 7:00-9:00 PM, with a poster session beginning at 6:00 PM
Ironworkers Local 5, 9301 Peppercorn Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

2. Thursday, October 12, 2023: 7:00-9:00 PM, with a poster session beginning at 6:00 PM
Lakeland STEAM Center, 2921 Stranden Road, Baltimore, MD 21230

3. Tuesday, October 17, 2023: 7:00-9:00 PM, with a poster session beginning at 6:00 PM
Courtyard Marriott, Fort Meade, 2700 Hercules Road, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

A virtual online public informational hearing will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Interested parties may participate in the virtual online hearing using the following link:

Time: October 19, 2023, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting:
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Comments can also be provided in writing at the public informational hearings, via email or U.S. mail. **Comments must be received on or before November 2, 2023.** Project information, including WQC request documents, project plans, and planning documents, is available at: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/ SCMAGLEV.aspx [mde.maryland.gov]. NEPA documents and other project information is available at https://www.bwmaglev.info/ [bwmaglev.info]. Please refer to the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.08.02 for information regarding the Water Quality Certification application and hearing process. Written comments or requests to be included on the interested persons list may be sent to: Maryland Department of the Environment, Attn: Danielle Spendiff, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, MD 21230, or via email to Danielle.spendiff1@maryland.gov or by phone to 410-537-4023. Please refer to the Code of Maryland Regulations 26.08.02 for information regarding the Water Quality Certification application and hearing process.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

Prince George's County
Application for State Discharge Permit 20DP0697, NPDES Permit MD0021628:
The City of Bowie, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, Maryland 20716, has applied for a permit renewal to consider an average of 3.3 million gallons per day (mgd) of treated wastewater from the City of Bowie Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 16550 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Prince George's County, Maryland 20715, to discharge into the Patuxent River designated as Use-I water which is protected for water contact recreation and nontidal warm water aquatic life.
The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is proposing to reissue the discharge permit with the following effluent limitations: BOD5, 30 mg/l maximum monthly average and 45 mg/l maximum weekly average from May 1 to October 31, 30 mg/l maximum monthly average and 45 mg/l maximum weekly average; total suspended solids, 30 mg/l maximum monthly average, 45 mg/l maximum weekly average and 301,510 pounds/year annual maximum; total recoverable copper, 30.2 µg/l maximum monthly average concentration; total ammonia nitrogen as N interim limits, 2.5 mg/l maximum monthly average from May 1 to October 31 and 5.0 mg/l maximum monthly average from November 1 to April 30; total ammonia nitrogen as N final limits, 1.1 mg/l maximum monthly average, 7.4 mg/l maximum daily average from May 1 to October 31 and 2.6 mg/l maximum monthly average from November 1 to April 30; total phosphorus as P, 3,015 pounds/year annual maximum; total nitrogen as N, 40,201 pounds/year annual maximum; E. Coli, 126 MPN/100ml maximum monthly geometric mean; total residual chlorine, 0.019 mg/l (non-detectable level) maximum; dissolved oxygen, 5.0 mg/l minimum at any time; and pH maintained between 6.5 and 8.5. In addition to the above annual maximum loading rate limits for total phosphorus as P and total nitrogen as N, the permittee shall comply with the concentration-based annual maximum loading rate limitations at the end of each calendar year.
The annual maximum loading rate limit for total suspended solids is in conformance with the Patuxent River watershed sediment TMDL approved by EPA (dated 9/30/2011), and with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sediment established on December 29, 2010.
If a written request is received by **September 27, 2023**, a public hearing on the tentative determination for this application can be scheduled. The request should be sent to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Yen-Der Cheng, Chief, Municipal Permits Division** and must include the name, address and telephone number (home and work) of the person making the request, the name of any other party whom the person making the request may represent, and the name of the facility and permit number. Failure to request a hearing by **September 27, 2023** will constitute a waiver of the right to a public hearing on the tentative determination for this permit.
Written comments concerning the tentative determination will be considered in the preparation of a final determination if submitted to the Department, to the attention of Yen-Der Cheng at the above address, on or before **October 10, 2023**. Any hearing-impaired person who requests a hearing may request an interpreter at the hearing by contacting Mr. Cheng at (410) 537-3363 or 1-800-633-6101, or by written request to the above address at least ten working days prior to the scheduled hearing date.
Information supporting the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Cheng at the above telephone number to make an appointment or by written request to Mr. Cheng at the above address. Copies of documents may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED

Prince George's County
Application for State Discharge Permit 23DP3857, NPDES Permit MD0072079:
Parkway Generation Keys Energy Center, LLC, 10322 North Keys Road, Brandywine, MD 20613 submitted an application for renewal of a permit to discharge variable volumes of stormwater which has been treated to adjust pH from a natural gas-fired steam-electric power plant located north of North Keys Road, about 1.25 miles east of Brandywine, MD to unnamed tributaries of Mataponi Creek (Use I waters).
This facility is located on a census tract with an Environmental Justice (EJ) Score in the 91st percentile of all tracts in Maryland. This EJ score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: pollution burden exposure, pollution burden environmental effects, sensitive populations, and socioeconomic indicators (https://mdewwp.page.link/EJ).
A copy of the application may be downloaded from the Department's website at https://mdewwp.page.link/wwp-portal. At that webpage, search for State Number 23DP3857, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.
If a written request is received by **September 14, 2023**, an informational meeting can be held to discuss the application and permitting process. Requests should be forwarded to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn: Mr. Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division**. Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter at the informational meeting by contacting Mr. RIce at (410) 537-3859 or 1-800-633-6101, or at the above address, at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting. Such requests may also be emailed to jonathan.rice@maryland.gov.
Any person wishing to review the application should contact Mr. Rice at the above telephone number to schedule an appointment. Copies may be obtained at a cost of $0.36 per page.

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VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation

Request for Qualifications
Contract ID # C00118875DB127
State Project Nos. 0020-002-011; 0631-002-012; 0631-002-013; 0631-002- 036; 0250-002-957
Albemarle Intersection Bundling #2
Design-Build Project

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the Albemarle Intersection Bundling #2 Design-Build Project from qualified and experienced respondents with design and construction experience of highway facilities. The project includes five intersection improvement projects (elements) in Albemarle County, Virginia. These five elements will be included in a single procurement and will be awarded as a single contract. The elements are: (1) Route 20 (Scottsville Road)/Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway) Roundabout; (2) Route 631 (Rio Road East)/John Warner Parkway Roundabout; (3) Route 631 (Rio Road East)/Route 1920 (Belvedere Boulevard) Continuous Green-T; (4) Route 631 (5th Street)/Old Lynchburg Road Roundabout; (5) Route 250 (Ivy Road/Rockfish Gap Turnpike)/Route 240 (Three Notched Road)/Route 680 (Browns Gap Turnpike) Roundabout. The scope includes all work required to support the design and construction including, but not limited to: roadway; survey; environmental; geotechnical; hydraulics and stormwater management; floodplain studies; traffic control devices; signal coordination; transportation management plan; right-of-way; utilities; public involvement/relations; quality assurance and quality control; box culvert; railroad coordination; construction engineering and inspection; and overall Project management.

Questions/clarifications regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) should be submitted to Md Atiquzzaman (md.atiquzzaman@vdot.virginia.gov).

Copies of the RFQ and additional submittal requirements can be found at http://www.virginiadot.org/business/request-for-qualifications.asp

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Halia Ann Hartquist aka Halia Hartquist aka Ann M. Hartquist aka Ann Hartquist
Ashley B. Sawyer,
Loeb & Loeb LLP
901 New York Avenue NW,
Suite 300 East
Washington, DC 20001

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

David A. Hartquist, whose address is 4119 Parkglen Court NW, Washington, DC 20007 is appointed personal representative of the estate of Halia Ann Hartquist aka Halia Hartquist aka Ann M. Hartquist aka Ann Hartquist, who died on September 11, 2022 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 2.24.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 2.24.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

David A. Hartquist
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
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Beatrice G. Fuchs aka Beatrice Galos Fuchs
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Deborah F. Cohen, whose address is 1414 Penn Sq, Unit 33C, Philadelphia, PA 19102 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Beatrice G. Fuchs aka Beatrice Galos Fuchs, who died on November 23, 2022 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.1.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.1.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Deborah F. Cohen
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

To: Antonio Eric McCard

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-23-000312. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on August 1, 2022, in Olney (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Franchisca Michelle Williamson (DOB September 23, 1992) and Antonio Eric McCard (DOB: February 16, 1990) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 9, 2023, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

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Gladys Jackson
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

William D. Jackson, Jr., whose address is 5709 66th Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Gladys Jackson, who died on August 13, 2018 without a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 2.24.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 2.24.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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Elizabeth Palmer Robinson aka Elizabeth Ann Palmer
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Alec Martin Robinson, whose address is 5202 Dalby Lane, Burke VA 22015 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Elizabeth Palmer Robinson aka Elizabeth Ann Palmer, who died on July 25, 2023 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.1.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.1.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Alec Martin Robinson
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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1461 CHAPIN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009.

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated September 28, 2021 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded October 18, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021137468 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023068571, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 2:30 PM

The property to be sold consists of the Original Secured Property located in the District of Columbia which is currently subdivided and is as follows:
Lot Numbered One Hundred Eighty-One (181) in Harry Wardman and other subdivision of Lot Numbered Thirty-Six (36) in the subdivision of the "The South Grounds of Columbia University" and of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block 18 "Meridian Hill", per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber County 19 at Folio 76, (the "Real Property") which has the address of 1461 Chapin Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009. Square 2662 Lot 0181. (The "Original Secured Property")
The property consists of 4 individual condominium units and one parking space. The units were a former portion of Square 2662 Lot 0181, which is currently subdivided into Square 2662 Lots 2291-2295 being further described as follows:
Residential Units One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Parking Space One (P-1) in the Condominium known as "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" according to the Declaration of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019030747, and the By-Laws of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019030748, and said final Plat and Plans of Condominium Subdivision recorded December 15, 2022, in Condo Book 104 at Page 50, as amended by that First Amended and Restated Declaration and that First Amended and Restated Bylaws as Instrument Numbers 2022125679 and 2022125680 on December 23, 2022, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, together with an undivided percentage share interest in the Common Elements of said "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" as set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and the Exhibits thereto, the Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Residential Units an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest")
The Percentage Interests of the Condominium Units are set forth in the Condominium Declaration, said Condominium project is situate on Lot 181 (now known after subdivision as Lots 2291-2295 in Square 2662 in the subdivision made by Harry Wardman and others, as per plat recorded in Liber County 19 at folio 76 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia but for which no certificate of occupancy permits has yet to be issued. (Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
Parcel ID: 2662-2291 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 1
Parcel ID: 2662-2292 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 2
Parcel ID: 2662-2293 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 3
Parcel ID: 2662-2294 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 4
Parcel ID: 2662-2295 1461 Chapin Street, NW # P-1
1461 Chapin Street, NW Units 1, 2, 3, 4 & P-1
(Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The property will be offered individually and as an entirety. The sale will be made in the manner producing the greater amount of money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to change the manner of offering at the time of sale.
The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000 per unit for Units 1, 2, 3, 4 if sold individually and a deposit of $5,000 on Parking Space (P-1) if sold individually. If the combined bids on those units and parking space sold individually does not satisfy the debt, then those bids shall be held in abeyance, and the units and parking space shall be offered together. If sold as an entirety, a deposit in the amount of $105,000. The highest bid offered between the combined bids of the units and parking space sold individually or the units and parking space sold as an entirety shall be the winning bid. All deposits must be in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note default rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. The Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. In the event that settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper 443-470-1437.

Craig A. Parker and Thomas J. Kokolis,
Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
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www.alexcooper.com

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815 Legal Notices

To: Franchisca Michelle Williamson

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-23-000312. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on August 1, 2022, in Olney (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Franchisca Michelle Williamson (DOB September 23, 1992) and Antonio Eric McCard (DOB: February 16, 1990) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by October 9, 2023, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

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Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
4620 Hanna Place, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0227 in Square 5359

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents ("Deed of Trust") dated April 30, 2021 and recorded on June 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021075473 from 4620 Hanna LLC, as grantor, to T. D. Service Company ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, securing that certain Term Note dated April 30, 2021 in the principal amount of $281,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated July 21, 2023 and recorded on July 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023064442 removing Original Trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as successor trustee under the Deed of Trust, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 4620 Hanna Place, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0227 in Square 5359), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Trustee in connection with such default.

If Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Trustee reserves the right, in Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste 440
Washington, DC 20015
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815 Legal Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 000964

Mary Doyle Dluhy
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Justin Dluhy, whose address is 6646 Navio Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-2106 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Mary Doyle Dluhy, who died on February 25, 2022 without a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.1.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.1.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Justin Dluhy
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 904

Verla P. Hamilton aka Verla Pamela Hamilton
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Jamie D. Hamilton, whose address is 5429 Central Ave SE, Washington, DC 20019 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Verla P. Hamilton aka Verla Pamela Hamilton, who died on November 20, 2022 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.7.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.7.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Jamie D. Hamilton
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

815 Legal Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 1003

Eve Maria Ferguson
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Claire Oberon Garcia, whose address is 750 E. Boulder St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Eve Maria Ferguson, who died on May 11, 2023 without a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.7.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.7.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Claire Oberon Garcia
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

820 Official Notices

ABC LICENSE: Super Garden Market LLC trading as Super Garden Market 3444 Fairfax Dr Arlington VA 22201. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Beer and Wine on and off Premises, Mixed Beverage on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Asefaw Sultan Owner **NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.**

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at centerline heights of 51 and 54 feet on the rooftop of a building with an overall height of 63 feet at the approx. vicinity of 1039 Lawrence St NE, Washington, DC 20017, Lat: [38-55-52.34], Long: [-76-59-28.28]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Elsie, e.boone@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.*

820 Official Notices

WSSC WATER
DELIVERING THE ESSENTIAL

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water) is seeking public applicants for its newly restructured Audit Committee. Applicants must be a resident of Montgomery or Prince George's County. To see the qualifications and for additional information on the Committee, please go to www.wsscwater.com/audit-committee or contact the Corporate Secretary at julianne.montesdeoca@wsscwater.com or 301-206-8200. Applications are due by September 28, 2023.

825 Bids & Proposals

Public Notice: Proposed Endangered Status for Pillar Coral
The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing to change the status of pillar coral (Dendrogyra cylindrus) from threatened to endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Pillar coral occurs in south Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the greater Caribbean. NMFS invites public comment on the proposed rule. More information is available at http://www.regulations.gov, reference docket number NOAA-NMFS-2023-0002. Comments must be received by October 30, 2023.

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Brennan Ferguson, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

V.

Shannon A. Haworth,
Defendant

Case No. 479587V

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **21st day of August, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **10437 Kardwright Court, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20886**, reported by Brennan Ferguson, Christine N. Johnson, Robert A. Oliveri, Melissa Alcocer, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **21st day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **21st day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$340,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk

Aug 24,31,Sep 7 2023 0012433394

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Estate of Geoffrey T Smith
Cynthia Smith
13124 Wonderland Way
Apt #21-101
Germantown, MD 20874
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004286

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **21st day of August, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of **13124 Wonderland Way Apt #21-101, Germantown, MD 20874**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **21st day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **21st, day of September, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$220,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland

Aug 24,31,Sep 7 2023 0012433387

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

HUONG THU PHAM
BAO QUOC TRAN
9807 Arbor Hill Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20903
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-15-CV-22-004707

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **22nd day of August, 2023**, by the Circuit Court Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **9807 Arbor Hill Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22nd day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **22nd day of September, 2023**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$369,000.00**.

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-359579

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

IRMA JENKINS
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: CAEF19-26715

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **22 day of August, 2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's. Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **15531 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the day of 22 day of September, 2023 next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **22 day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$367,299.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S #769

Trustees File #: 19-282999

Aug 24,31,Sep 7 2023 0012433522

851 Prince Georges County

Brock and Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
7260 Donnell Place, Unit D3
District Heights, MD 20747

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DENNIS F. HARDIMAN, Trustee(s), dated September 28, 2018, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 41432, folio 505, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 9:45AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 7260-D-3 IN HOLLY HILL CONDOMINIUM (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "CONDOMINIUM) ESTABLISHED BY HOLLY HILL ASSOCIATES, UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 11 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED BY CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION DATES MARCH 9, 1982, AND RECORDED MARCH 10, 1982, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LIBER 5511, FOLIO 827; AS AMENDED BY FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION DATES OCTOBER 26, 1982, AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 1, 1982, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LIBER 6599, FOLIO 496 AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF HOLLY HILL CONDOMINIUM DATED JULY 6, 1983 AND RECORDED JULY 13, 1983 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, LIBER 5721 AT FOLIO 70; AND BY THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDED ON MARCH 10, 1982 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK NLP 112 AT PAGES 74-79 INCLUSIVE, AS AMENDED BY MASTER PLAT - PHASE II RECORDED NOVEMBER 1, 1982 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK NLP 114 AT PAGES 83-90 INCLUSIVE AND BY MASTER PLAT - PHASE III RECORDED JULY 13, 1983 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK NLP 116 AT PAGES 94-89 INCLUSIVE. TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND APPURTENANCES INCIDENT TO SAID UNIT AS CONTAINED IN THE AFORESAID CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION. THE CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION ALLOCATES TO THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST (STATED AS A PERCENTAGE) IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM. THE PERCENTAGE INTEREST OF THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT IS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT C TO THE AFOREMENTIONED DECLARATION. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS: 7260 DONNELL PLACE, #D3, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $6,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (22-14978)

John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins,
Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole,
Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan,
Kristopher Hawkins,
Substitute Trustees

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Sep 7,14,21 2023 0012433638

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s) Plaintiff(s)

vs.

TIMOTHY BRANDON PADGETT
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C-16-CV-23-001223

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **22 day of August,2023** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **4725 King John Way Unit 171, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**, and reported in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22 day of September, 2023** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POS: 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **22 day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$218,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S #793

Trustees File#: 23-292555

Aug 24,31,Sep 7 2023 0012433563

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Estate of Morris Jenkins Jr.
Estate of Sylvia J Jenkins
6002 Magnolia Court
Lanham, MD 20706
Defendant(s)

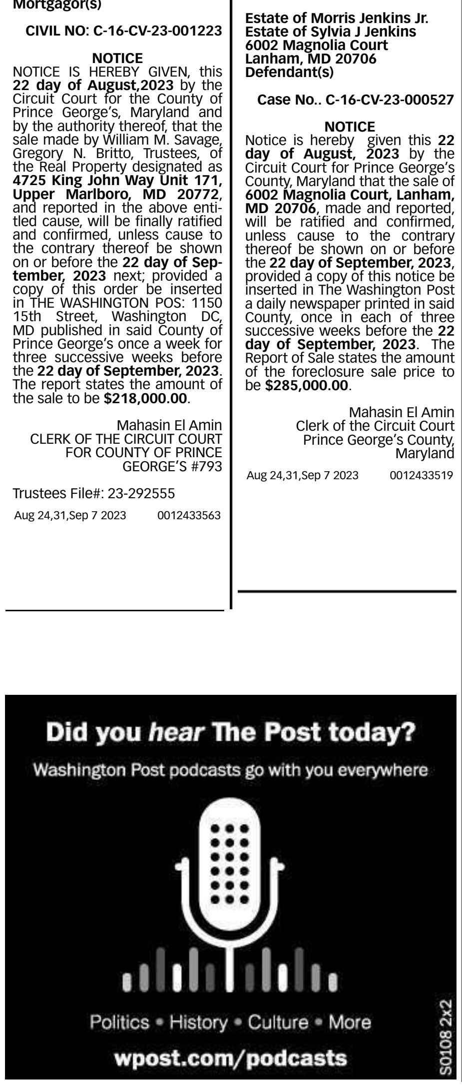
Case No.. C-16-CV-23-000527

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **22 day of August, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland that the sale of **6002 Magnolia Court, Lanham, MD 20706**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **22 day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **22 day of September, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$285,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County, Maryland

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851 Prince Georges County

Brock and Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
2445 BAILEYS POND ROAD
Accokeek, MD 20607

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LAWYERS TITLE REALTY SERVICES INC, Trustee(s), dated September 5, 2013, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 35236 , folio 188 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 15, BLOCK C, THE PRESERVE AT PISCATAWAY, BAILEY'S VILLAGE, AS SHOWN ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 216 PAGE 76 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $44,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5.5 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020. File No. (17-06209)

THOMAS W. HODGE, GENE JUNG,
LAURA D. HARRIS, ROBERT M. OLIVERI,
CHRISTINE JOHNSON, SCOTT ROBINSON AND
LOUIS GINGHER, Substitute Trustees

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Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
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410-769-9797

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852 Anne Arundel County

ORLANS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
771 Generals Highway
Millersville, MD 21108

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from HOPE EVETTE MYRICK, dated September 11, 2020 and recorded in Liber 35282, folio 32 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-02-CV-22-001771; Tax ID No.02-000-09907000) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $45,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-006137)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
CHRISTINE M. DREXEL,
JOANNA FORONDA,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

A181, A316, A311, A183, A425, A426, A461, A463, A508

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410-769-9797

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853 Calvert County

Brock and Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1100 El Paso Circle
Lusby, MD 20657

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LESLIE J. KEIDEL, Trustee(s), dated November 19, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of **CALVERT COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 03089, folio 615-625, MODIFIED AUGUST 28, 2017, IN BOOK 5052, PAGE 0184 the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 12:45PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 186, IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "SECTION 5-R, CHESAPEAKE RANCH ESTATES", AS PER PLAT RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND IN LIBER JLB 2 AT FOLIO 17

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $18,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.75% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (16-18748)

THOMAS W. HODGE, GENE JUNG,
ROBERT M. OLIVERI, CHRISTINE JOHNSON,
MELISSA ALCOCER, JEANA MCMURRAY,
BRENNAN FERGUSON, JESSICA ELLIOTT,
Substitute Trustees

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

John Ansell, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

v.

Estate of
Isabel Juana Marin Notario
a/k/a
Isabel Juana Marin,
Defendant

Case No. C-16-CV-22-001201

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **21 day of August, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **7302 18th Ave 206, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783**, reported by John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **21 day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **21 day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$55,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk #769

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

John Ansell, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs,

V.

Deborah A. Washington
Defendant

Case No. C-16-CV-22-001229

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **22 day of August, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **4650 Winterberry Lane, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745**, reported by John Ansell, Jeremy B. Wilkins, Robert A. Oliveri, Amanda Driscole, Paul Heinmuller, John C. Hanrahan, Kristopher Hawkins, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **22 day of September, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **22 day of September, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$289,137.99**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Aug 24,31,Sep 7 2023 0012433570

855 Charles County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES, COUNTY MARYLAND

DIANA THEOLOGOU,
Substitute Trustee, et al,
Plaintiffs,

v.

RODNEY A. WILLIAMS, ET. AL.,
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-08-CV-23-000216

NOTICE

Ordered this **1 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for CHARLES County, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **10321 Whittier Court, White Plains, MD 20695** mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported Diana Theologou, et. al, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrart therof be shown on or before the **3 day of October, 2023** next, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **2 day of October, 2023** next. The report states the amount of sale to be **$559,124.31**.

Lisa E. Yates
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Charles County, Maryland

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857 Howard County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

ERIC D. VANDELINDE
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

v.

MARIANNA J. KLEIN
Defendant

Civil No.: C-13-CV-22-000020

NOTICE OF SALE
5900 Great Star Drive
Unit 106,
Clarksville, MD 21029

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of HOWARD COUNTY this **29th day of August, 2023** that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by NICOLE LIPINSKI, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **28th day of September, 2023**, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in HOWARD COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **22nd day of September, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$360,000.00**.

Wayne A. Robey
Clerk Circuit Court for
HOWARD COUNTY

Sep 7,14,21 2023 0012434295

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE SALE
5400 Hogan Ct, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Spotsylvania County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $352,240.00, dated July 30, 2021 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia, in Document No. 210023383, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Spotsylvania County Judicial Center, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, on **October 3, 2023 at 9:00 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 328, Section 6-8, Maple Grove, with any improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of **$20,000.00** or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. **(84510)**
448 Viking Drive Suite 350
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
or visit our website at
www.siwpc.net

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856 Frederick County

ORLANS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE,
SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
8323 Sharon Dr
Frederick, MD 21704

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from BLAKE WOOD AND AMY WOOD, dated March 19, 2018 and recorded in Liber 12363, folio 0494 among the Land Records of **FREDERICK COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-10-CV-23-000276; Tax ID No.07-194242) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701, on

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $40,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for FREDERICK COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 21-006106)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
6410 Katherine Ann Lane
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In execution of certain liens for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of certain memoranda of liens in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Fairfax** ("Land Records") on March 10, 2021 in Deed Book 26953 at Page 1418 and on March 16, 2023 in Deed Book 27865 at Page 1828 (collectively the "Liens"), Greenwood Homeowners Association ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **September 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**, at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, the real property and improvements with the street address of **6410 Katherine Ann Lane, Springfield, Virginia 22150 (Parcel ID # 0911-23-0403)** ("Property") and briefly described as:

LOT 403, SECTION 9, JAPONICA, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 10015 AT PAGE 1465, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty, as to any respect, restriction, covenant, or condition of the Property and subject to any liens, violations, and or all other matters taking priority over the Association's Lien(s), including, but not limited to, any deeds of trust. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the Association's original, if applicable, Declaration, Bylaws and any other governing instrument, and all amendments thereto.

A nonrefundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required to be paid by the successful bidder in cash, certified funds or by cashier's check. Settlement within 30 days of sale. Additional terms to be announced at sale. If Trustee is unable for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in law and equity shall be the return of its deposit, without interest. Trustee reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time as determined by Trustee. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Direct any inquiries to counsel for the Association, Kristen L. Buck, Rees Broome, PC, 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 790-1911.

Bean Kinney & Korman, P.C., Trustee, Attn: Andrea Campbell Davison, 2311 Wilson Blvd., Suite 500, 703-525-4000 (Telephone), adavison@beankinney.com

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
10088 Oakton Terrace Road
Oakton, Virginia 22124

In execution of a certain lien for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of a certain Memorandum of Condominium Lien in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Fairfax** ("Land Records") on July 19, 2022 in Deed Book 27714, at Page 1638 ("Lien"), The Oakton, A Condominium Unit Owners Association ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **September 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**, at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, the real property and improvements with the street address of **10088 Oakton Terrace Road, Oakton, Virginia 22124 (Parcel ID # 047-4-23-0088)** ("Property") and briefly described as:

Condominium Unit No. 10088 of THE OAKTON, a condominium, and any limited common elements appurtenant thereto pursuant to the Declaration recorded in Deed Book 5768, at Page 594, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia, and all subsequent amendments thereto.

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881 Orange County

Trustee's Sale
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Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 2, 2012, in the original principal amount of $249,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Orange**, Virginia in Instrument No. 120004706, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **September 28, 2023, at 11:00 am**, in front of the building housing the Orange County Circuit Court, 110 North Madison Road, Orange, VA 22960, the property containing 28.2536 ac., +/-, shown on a plat of survey entitled: "A composite plat for Don Elmer Gordon [SIC] District Orange County, Virginia" platted May 1, 2002, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Instrument Number 030004530. subject to a reservation in favor of Clarence Frazier Thompson, unmarried and Mary Lucille Thompson, unmarried, their successors and assigns of access to the stream which runs along the common boundary between the residue retained, now or formerly, by Clarence Frazier Thompson and Mary Lucille Thompson. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

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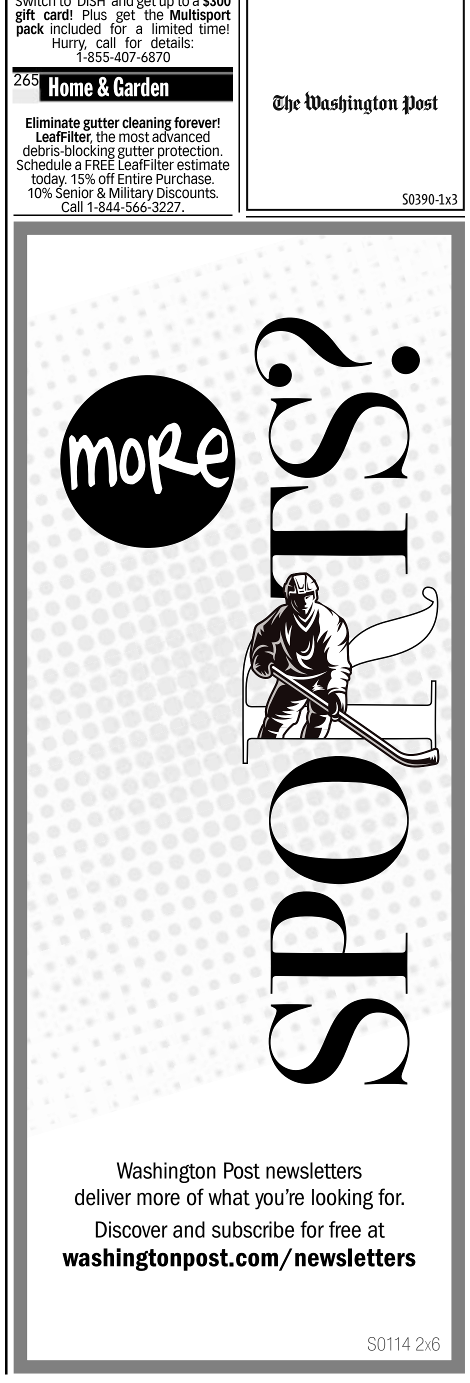
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Second place ⬆

Amy Garrick, Washington, D.C.
This photo was taken our second day on land in Antarctica in December. We spent the afternoon on Paulet Island, an island overrun with penguins everywhere you look. They're cute but rather stinky. We saw baby penguins being fed by their parents. They also make weird honking noises — a bit like geese. On the way back to the ship, we took a zodiac around and came across this piece of ice and a penguin was climbing to the top. It felt like it was about to dive off, as if it were climbing a diving board. I snapped the photo thinking it was a National Geographic moment. Antarctica is unlike anywhere else — so remote, so untouched. It's beautiful and otherworldly. It's a day that will live in my memory.

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TRAVEL



The Photo Contest

Travel can often feel like a spiritual experience — a time when we are able to unplug and connect with our world, our family and friends, and, most importantly, ourselves. This year's Washington Post photo contest winners represent both the togetherness and solitude we find in travel, with a lone penguin atop an iceberg, Wes Anderson-like symmetry in White Sands and more. ¶ We combed through hundreds of photos to find this year's best. Here are the three winners and nine honorable mentions, along with the photographers' stories in their own words.



Winner

Karen Davis, Alexandria
Camargue horses are an ancient breed, native to the marshy wetlands of southern France. Napoleon rode a Camargue horse in his war campaigns. Today, most of the horses are semi-feral, cared for by French cowboys, called Guardians. I went to southern France in May to photograph these horses in their native element. The morning we were to photograph dawned cool and threatened of rain. It was a 30-minute drive down bumpy country dirt roads to reach the coast. We donned hip wader boots and slathered on mosquito repellent, then slogged through slippery, muddy marshes and knee-high water to reach the tide pool and the horses, with their Guardians. The Guardians ran the horses through the water at us. (They seemed to enjoy a frolic in the water.) The rain held off, and morning sunlight peeked through the gorgeous blue, cloudy sky, creating a lovely contrast to the white horses. The squawks of flying flamingos added to the excitement of being in such a wild and primitive place.

Third place

Linda Rubenstein, Washington, D.C.
On the drive from El Paso to White Sands National Park, I remember being struck by the starkness of the landscape as I got farther into New Mexico. But that was nothing compared with what I saw when I arrived in the park late in the afternoon in November 2022. I was utterly astounded by its otherworldliness, and I felt as if I had landed on the moon. The dunes were like small mountains whose surfaces and textures were ever-changing by the direction of the wind, and the sun's reflection on the white sand was blindingly bright. My feet sinking into the cool sand, I climbed atop one of the sand dunes to survey the landscape and saw only one other person in this area of the park, perhaps the owner of the lone vehicle in the lot. The wind was fierce and whipping the sand about, and I thought that these unusual yet well-placed protective shelters were a perfect respite from it.



About the photo issue

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To see the winning photographs and honorable mentions online, visit **wapo.st/travel.**







Honorable mention

Jassen Todorov, San Francisco
San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge made a magical appearance in April's late-afternoon fog. This scene is extremely rare because of the rapidly changing weather, so I felt extremely fortunate to witness and capture it while I was flying my Piper Warrior plane at 2,000 feet. Being a concert violinist and professor of music at San Francisco State University, I often get inspired and listen to music while flying my plane. This view is not only ethereal but also extremely dynamic and musical.



Honorable mention

Su Hawn Chung, Jersey City
Key West in August is silent. The heat and humidity keep reasonable people from getting on a skiff. It's so quiet that it's deafening, and the air feels like weighted blankets. We had spent all day looking for tailing bonefish. That is where the water is so shallow that the tail of a fish sticks out of the water, allowing fly-fishers to spot them, walk to them and make an offering to see whether they will take it. This was the last "flat" of the day. My friend Joe spotted a small group of fish happily feeding about 60 feet from where he was. A little too far to make a cast, he needed to close the distance by walking silently. All you could hear were the gentle lapping of the water and Joe's sun shirt flapping. It was a moment of having to close the last "mile" in solitude, where others become a sightseer rather than an active help — something that all of us can relate to in different aspects of our lives.

Honorable mention

Cassidy Girvin, Charlottesville
I often escape the sweltering humidity of East Coast summers by traveling to the Southwest. For a few days in June, I did nothing but log miles in Utah, both on foot and by vehicle, on the dirt roads, scouring the landscape for unique features. These remote desert badlands are easily overlooked by passersby, but to a photographer, their intricate patterns and textures provide ample compositions. Here, the setting sun illuminates the contours of the desert. Using a drone to capture an overhead perspective, one sees a scene not easily discernible from the ground.



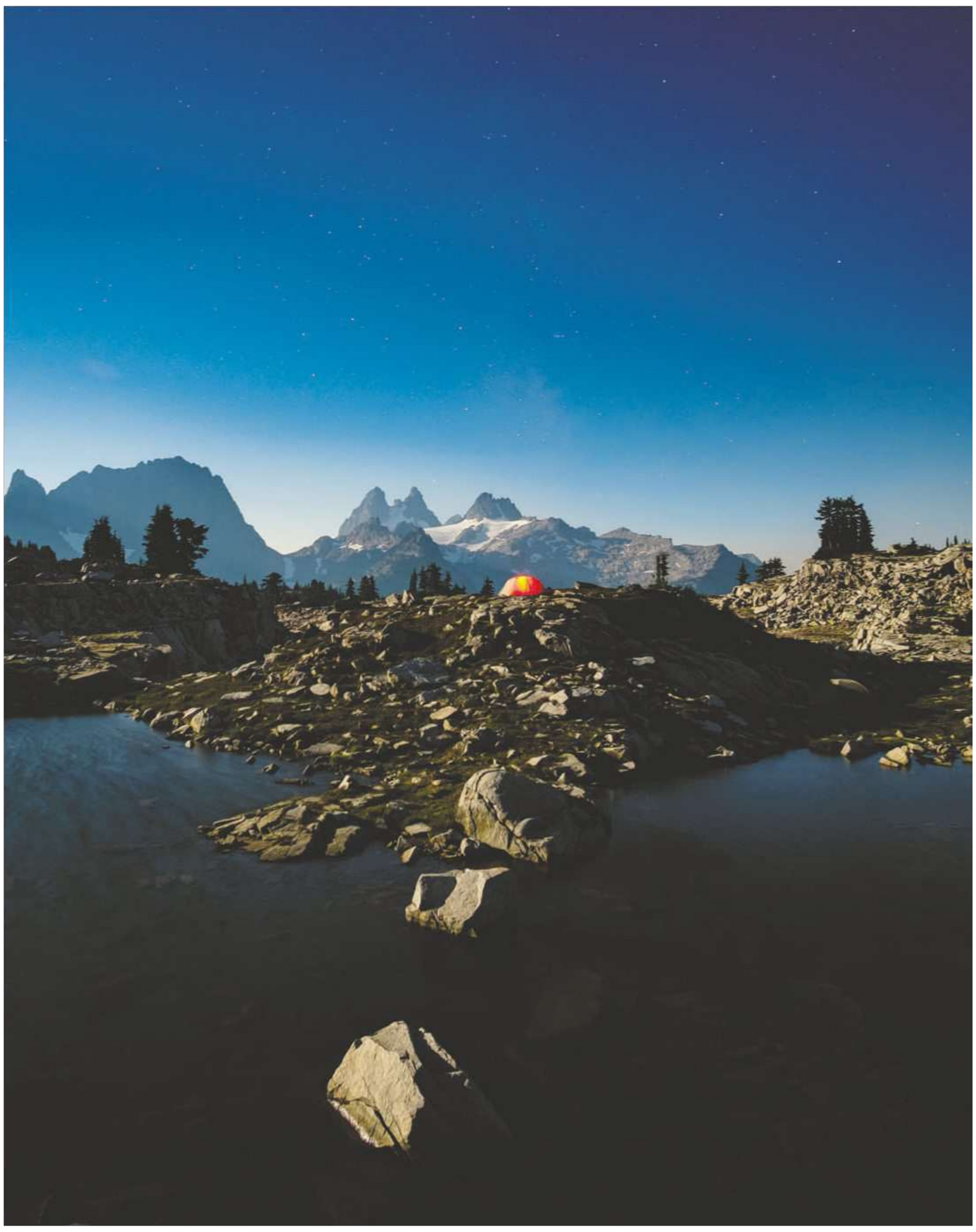
Honorable mention

Julia Kerr, Washington, D.C.
I took this picture from the window of a room in the Peninsula Excelsior hotel on the final night of a three-week trip to Southeast Asia in August 2022. I went with a travel buddy from high school — we're in our 30s now — and this was our first big trip together since covid. We traveled first to Singapore, then to Indonesia, then back to Singapore for one last night before our flights back home. At first we were bummed that our final night was stormy, but as we sat in our hotel room staring out the window, listening to the thunder, exhausted and unexcited to return to "real life," we appreciated this light show from Mother Nature, illuminating the city we enjoyed so much in the early days of our trip.

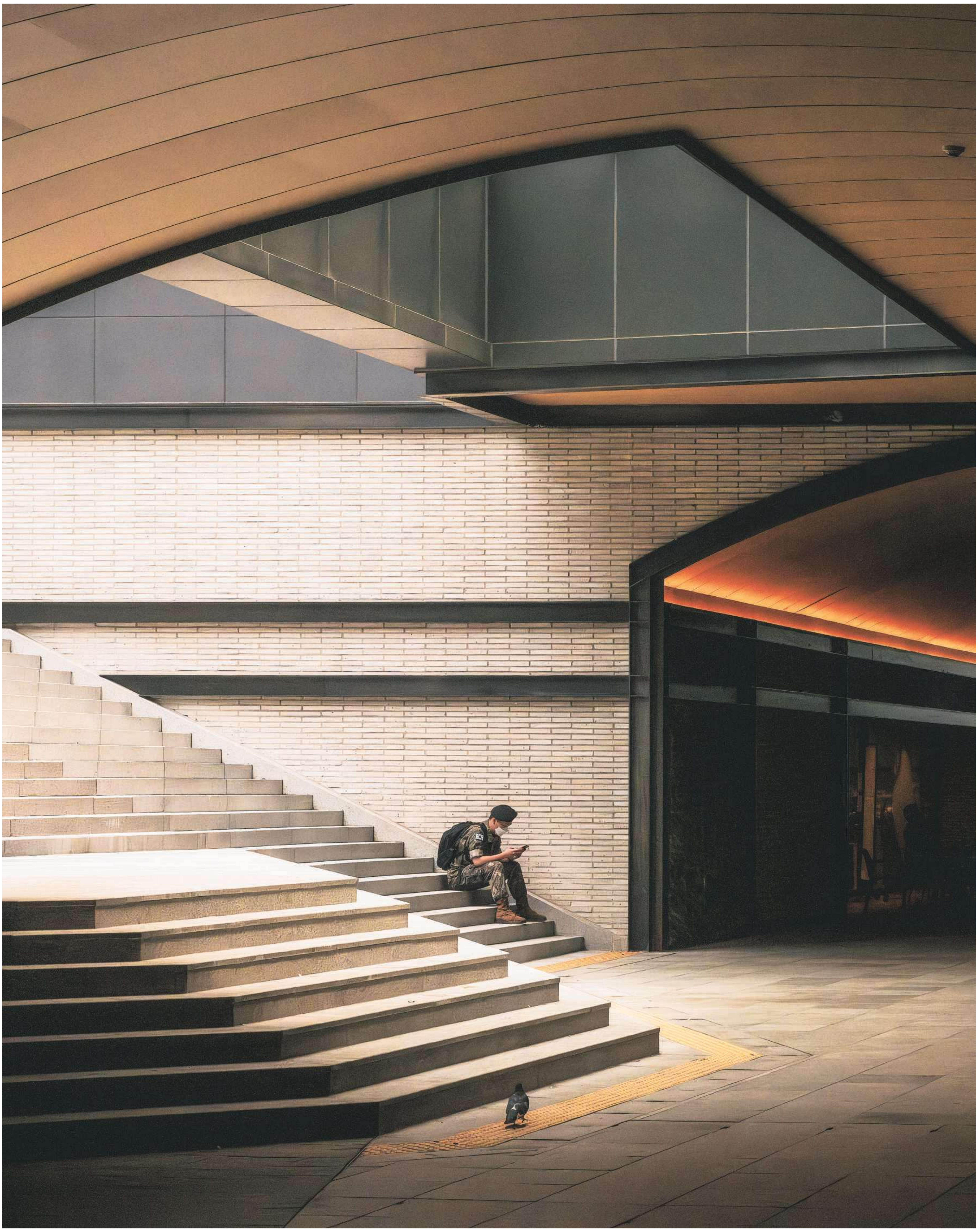


Honorable mention

David Thiers, Denver
I took this photo on the first night of a week-long backpacking trip in the Central Cascades in Washington in September 2022. As darkness fell, the wind picked up, and we quickly realized that placing our tent on top of that hill was a bad idea. Intermittent gusts were flattening the tent. As my buddy was packing up his things to move to a more sheltered spot, I ran across the lake to take advantage of the only photography opportunity I had that night.







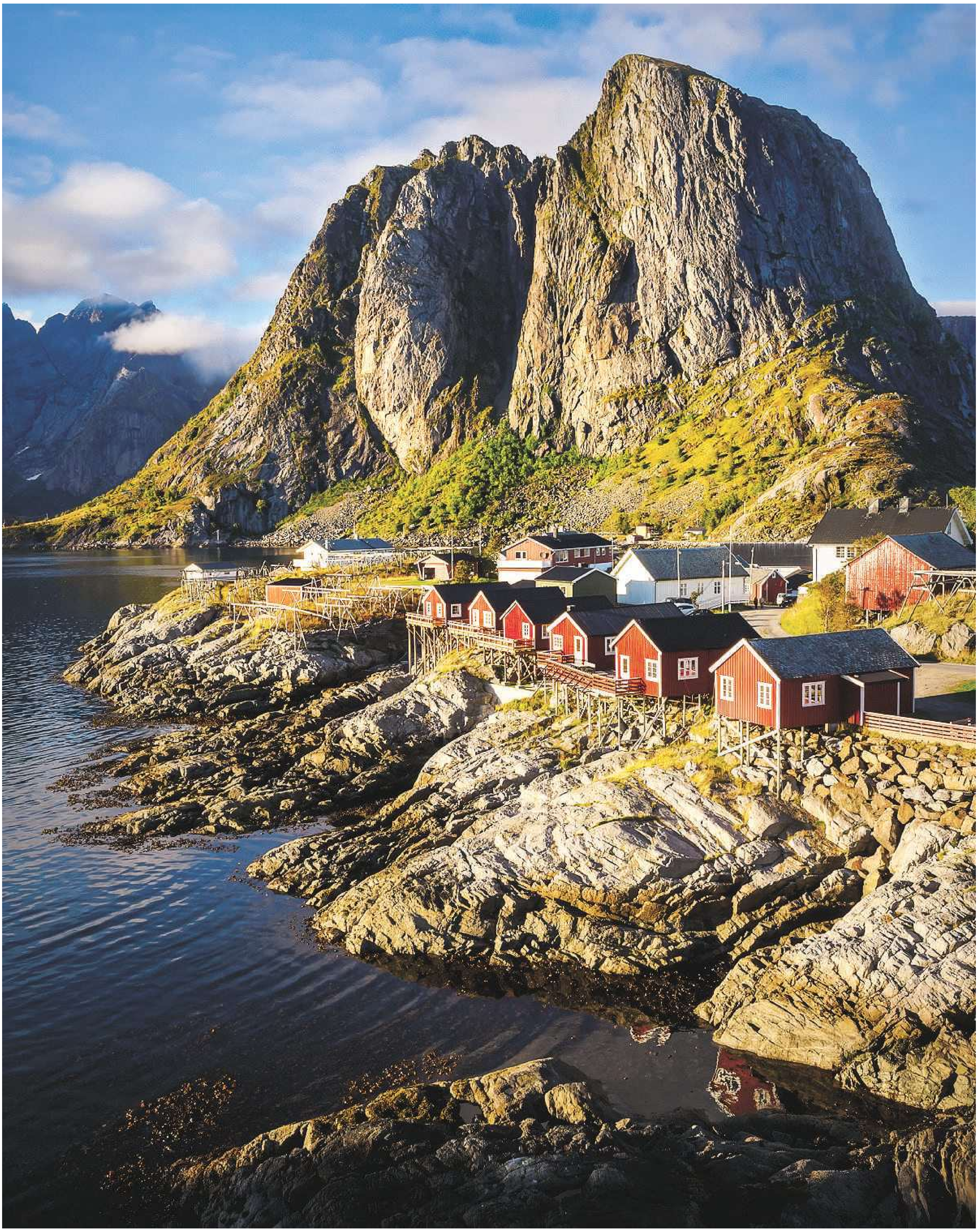
Honorable mention ⬆

Jude Goergen, Chicago
I was exploring the Yongsan train station, en route from Seoul to Gwangju in June, when I noticed the light beaming down this massive staircase. Through the passersby, I noticed a lone soldier on the steps and really loved how the light was hitting him and how he was framed. Unfortunately, the station was pretty packed, so I had to wait for a clean shot. Eventually, I was fortunate enough to capture the few seconds where no one else was in frame — aside from a pigeon. Candid portraits are one of my absolute favorite things to capture, and having just spent the past several days in Seoul, most of the candids I shot were in crowded markets or streets, so this moment of solitude was very special.

Honorable mention ➡

Bret Saalwaechter, Washington, D.C.
During a trek along the green volcanic slopes of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park in May, I sat at the edge of a clearing and watched members of the Kwisanga group as they basked in the morning sun. The adults had already packed away their morning meal of bamboo, leaves and foliage, and they were lounging about grooming each other amid moments of wakefulness and a midmorning nap. The younger gorillas began roughhousing and alternated between wrestling with each other and harassing their parents, sneaking up on them, only to flee when discovered in the act. As I lay prone to photograph the family's behavior, one young gorilla suddenly took interest in me and made a quick army crawl over to investigate. We shared a moment of mutual contemplation, and I could see him full of curiosity, wondering what to make of my camera and the hairless primate behind it. Although the encounter lasted for only a few brief seconds, I felt intense awe as he stared at me for what seemed like an eternity.







Honorable mention ↑

Judy Guenther, Springfield, Va.
I took this image on an evening in Reine in the Lofoten Islands of northern Norway in September 2022. The Lofoten Islands are above the Arctic Circle and are known for their rugged landscapes, colorful fishermen's huts, beautiful water and stunning skies. I was standing on a bridge that joins two of the islands in this island chain in early evening on a day that can only be described as magical. The sky was so blue, with white, puffy clouds, and the calm water reflected the red huts facing the evening sun along the shore. The peace, serenity and awe that I felt standing in that place is hard to describe in words.

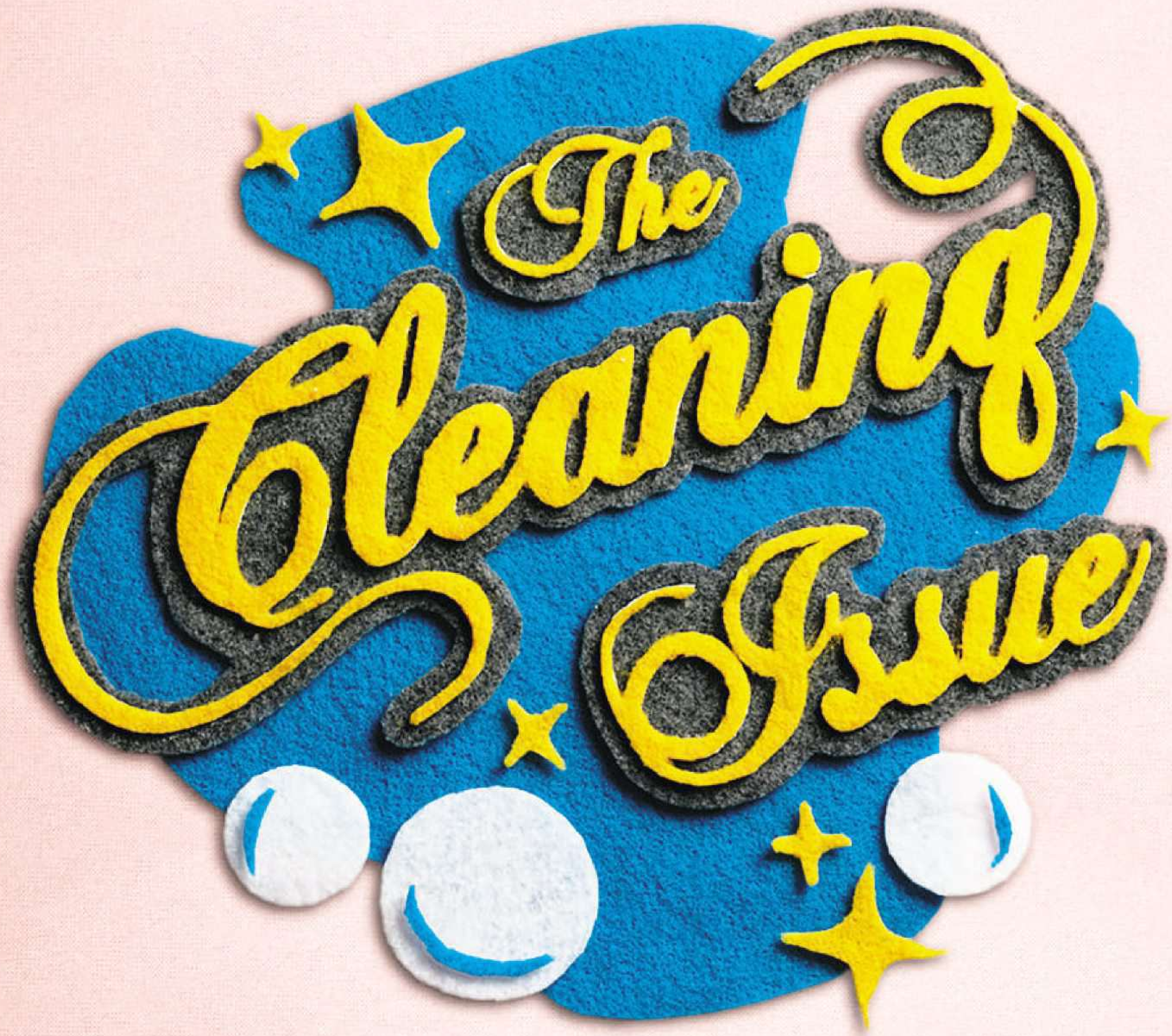
Honorable mention ←

Mark Gadomski, Hollywood, S.C.
My wife and I took a month-long trip to northern India in November 2022. Toward the end of our trip, we splurged on a riverboat cruise along we the Ganges River. During the cruise, our boat stopped one late afternoon to visit the Shiva temples near Kalna in West Bengal. Built in 1809, the temple grounds contain 108 Shiva temples arranged in two concentric rings around a central courtyard. When our small group headed back to the boat, I lingered behind to enjoy some solitary time in the peaceful, serene setting. It felt very tranquil and meditative. In this quiet space on the outskirts, I noticed a lone monk briskly cleaning each temple, darting in and out of the structures. That's when I took this photograph.

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HOW TO

8 tasks for your September home maintenance checklist

BY JEANNE HUBER



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Summer heat and humidity are on the way out, but the days are still long and cold weather won't settle in for a good while. That makes September a great time to complete both indoor and outdoor home-repair projects.

1. Get ready for winter

If you have an oil or gas furnace, now is the time to schedule the annual tuneup. If you burn wood, schedule a chimney cleaning. If you have electric baseboard or wall heaters, vacuum out any lint and wipe down the grills — and consider scheduling an evaluation with a heating and air-conditioning expert to find out whether it would make sense to switch to a mini-split heat pump system, which is far more energy-efficient.

It's not too early to think about fall leaves, either. If you use a gas-powered leaf blower, change the fuel and make sure it starts. If it needs a tuneup, you'll get faster attention now than you would later. Or, instead of paying for that tuneup, consider buying an electric model, which will need less maintenance and is kinder to the environment.

You can also make your gutter-cleaning appointment now, but schedule it for after the leaves have fallen.

2. Replace weather stripping

You probably won't notice a drafty door until the weather becomes cold. But if you wait until then to replace mangled weather stripping, your fingers are likely to become numb before you finish the job. Take advantage of a pleasant September day and do the job now. Felt or foam is inexpensive and easy to apply, but it doesn't last long, so you're probably better off going with vinyl, silicone or metal. The U.S. Energy Department's website has a chart that compares the various options.

3. Touch up paint

With its mild temperatures and moderate humidity, September is a great month to paint, indoors or out. But unless you want to change the color or the old paint is in really bad shape, consider a simple touch-up job, which is faster, easier and cheaper. The paint manufacturer Sherwin-Williams offers advice about the tricky part: getting the new paint to blend in with the old. The final color of the patch is affected by the amount of moisture in the touch-up layer that wicks into the background paint. To compensate, the company recommends diluting the touch-up paint by 5 to 10 percent with water for latex or with mineral spirits for oil-based paint. Also, particularly on exterior paint, the sun may have bleached the original layer enough so your leftover paint no longer matches. You might be able to blend in the new paint by feathering the edges, beginning at the center of each repainted area and going out. Test an area and evaluate it the next day, after the paint is thoroughly dry. If the patch is too noticeable, buy new touch-up paint that matches the bleached color.

4. Stop splashes

As you check the exterior for spots that need touch-up paint, keep an eye out for places where mud has splashed onto the lowest couple of feet of the siding. The next time it rains, watch to see if water is overflowing a gutter or the splashes are coming from rain that falls close to the house. If the gutter is the culprit and it doesn't just need cleaning, call a gutter-installation company and discuss whether you should install deeper gutters or an additional downspout. If the splashes are caused directly by rain droplets, spread pea gravel a couple of inches deep on top of the existing soil alongside the foundation. The gravel will change the angle at which the droplets bounce, keeping the siding drier. And the splashes that do occur won't be as likely to carry mud.

5. Repair walkways

As the days get shorter, we will increasingly be coming and going from home in the dark. Uneven pathways, which are especially hard to detect in dim light, can make someone trip and fall. Rebuilding a path is a big undertaking, but if there are just a few trouble spots, you can make a significant difference on a warm weekend afternoon or two.

Repairing a gravel path is easy once you get rid of weeds. Just shovel in more gravel to fill holes. Rake it level and tamp it down.

On a path paved with bricks or pavers, pry up loose or sunken pieces, pack in enough fine gravel or stone dust to create a level bed that's a little higher than you need, and put the bricks back in place. Tamp them down to the right height with a rubber mallet. Sprinkle sand over the path and use a broom to work it into the gaps. Lightly spray with water, add more sand and sweep it in. Repeat until the gaps are full. Repairing mortared brick is more complicated; Quikrete, a supplier of bagged concrete mixes and repair products, gives advice on its website.

On a concrete path, clean out debris or caulk from old repairs, then squirt or press in a concrete crack filler. Some products come ready to use in squirt bottles or tubes for a caulk gun, while others are a powder that you mix with water to a putty consistency. Read labels to find a product suited to the width of the gaps you have. Be sure to follow advice if the label says to use backer rod to fill the deepest part of a wide crack. With that, the crack filler just needs to stretch from side to side at the top of the crack to stay in place. Filler that needs to stretch three ways — from side to side and up from the bottom — is much more likely to lose its grip and let water into the gap.

6. Get ahead of rodents

When the weather turns cold, mice and rats search for ways to stay warm. Even a quarter-inch gap — about the width of a pencil — is enough for a mouse to squeeze through, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which advises filling holes with steel wool, heavy mesh, sheet metal or other materials mice and rats can't chew through.

The highest risk of an infestation might not come until November, but work you do now can go a long way toward keeping them out then. Use metal or heavy plastic containers with tightfitting lids to hold grass seeds or pet food stored in sheds or the garage. Pick up apples or other fruit that falls in your yard. Make sure garbage cans have tightfitting lids. The CDC recommends setting the cans on six-inch-high wooden platforms to make it less likely rodents will gnaw through the bottom.

7. Plan now for spring glory

The selection of spring-blooming bulbs, such as daffodils and tulips, is greatest now, even though the ideal planting time might be a little later in the fall, depending on where you live. Aim for planting six to eight weeks before the soil begins to freeze, which means around the middle or end of October in Zones 4 and 5 and November in Zones 6 through 8. In Zones 9 and 10, some growers recommend stashing the bulbs in a refrigerator for six to 12 weeks before you plant them. But there's an easier option: Choose bulbs that perform reliably without pre-chilling so you can leave them in the ground year after year. Old House Gardens, a Michigan company that specializes in selling heirloom bulbs, has a list.

8. Restore the lawn

In many parts of the country, September is also the ideal time to restore a weary lawn or plant a new one. Temperatures are moderate, and each day still has enough daylight to give newly sprouted seeds a good start on a growth spurt. Plus, in the arid West, rain should soon be on the way, helping to ensure that young grass gets enough water.

To patch bare or sparse areas of lawn, first loosen the soil with a rake or a pronged gardening tool, then spread a mixture of finely textured compost and grass seeds, or buy a prepared mixture such as Scotts EZ Seed Patch & Repair ($19.49 at Home Depot for a 3.75-pound bottle, enough to patch 85 square feet). Water regularly until the grass is established.

Scotts recommends two fall fertilizer applications for lawns — one in September and one about six weeks later. If you don't want to fertilize, a light application of mulch in mid-to-late fall can also help create a lawn that absorbs and holds on to moisture.

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Put your cleaning knowledge to the test

BY RACHEL KURZIUS

Common sense plays a big part in determining when many things should be cleaned — if it looks dirty or smells sour, probably best to give it a detox. Other times, though, an item's cleanliness (or lack thereof) isn't so obvious. When's the last time you laundered the throw blanket in your living room, for instance? And do you really need to clean the inside of your washing machine? In cases like those, experts say there are some rules of thumb to help. ¶ So, are you cleaning the things around your house frequently enough? Test your knowledge below. And remember, these are generalities. If you live with pets, kids or other especially messy folks, you'll probably want to intensify your cleaning game. Same goes if you have immunocompromised people living with you or visiting.

1. How often should you wash bath towels?
☐ After each use ☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month

2. Dish towels?
☐ After each use ☐ Once a week ☐ Every two weeks

3. How often should you clean your pet's bowls?
☐ Food and water bowls daily ☐ Food bowl weekly, water bowl daily ☐ Food bowl daily, water bowl weekly

4. How often should you wash your pet's bed?
☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month ☐ Once a quarter

5. How often should you clean the microwave?
☐ After each use ☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month

6. The oven?
☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month ☐ Once a year

7. The dishwasher?
☐ Once a month ☐ Once a year ☐ Never

8. The washing machine?
☐ Once a month ☐ Once a year ☐ Never

9. How often should you wash throw blankets?
☐ Every two months ☐ Every six months ☐ Once a year

10. Bed sheets?
☐ Twice a week ☐ Once a week ☐ Once a month

11. The duvet cover?
☐ Once a month ☐ Every six weeks ☐ Once a quarter

12. How often should you clean area rugs?
☐ Once a quarter ☐ Twice a year ☐ Once a year

For the answers, see Pages 6-7

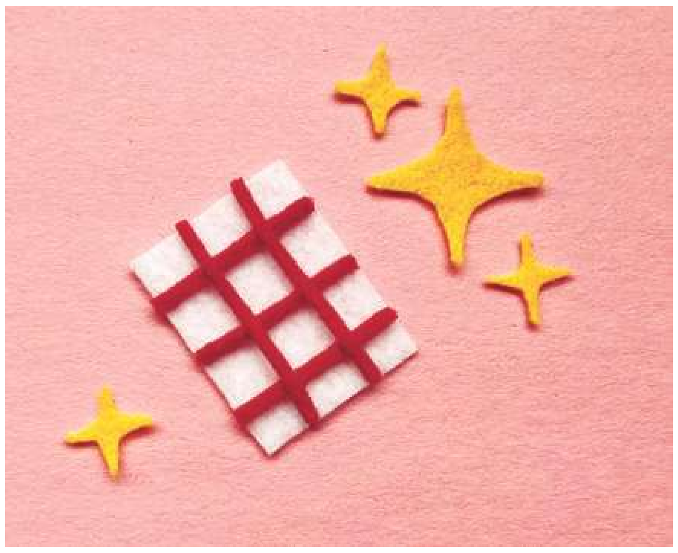
1. Once a week



You should wash your bath towels once a week and maybe more. If you bathe multiple times a day or live in an area with high humidity, experts recommend changing out your towels closer to every three days. "That towel is never really going to dry out," says Bruce Vance, who co-owns Town & Country Cleaning Service with his wife, Sarah, in Pittsboro, N.C. "Even assuming you're not all that dirty, the ability to build up bacteria is going to be fairly rapid."

Bathroom hand towels follow the same rules. Washcloths, on the other hand, should be washed after every use. "It's the one that really gets the germs," says Patric Richardson, host of Discovery Plus's "The Laundry Guy" and author of "House Love," a forthcoming guide to cleaning.

2. After each use



If you use your kitchen towels while cooking, you need to throw them in the laundry after each use because they are probably making contact with raw food — and we're not just talking about uncooked meat.

Greg Whiteley, an associate professor at Western Sydney University who focuses on cleaning and hygiene, says people often don't realize that leafy greens can cause outbreaks of gastroenteritis and other illnesses. If you've wiped down your counter with a kitchen towel after cutting up raw veggies, that towel should go directly into the wash. "When you're in the kitchen and you're cleaning up your food, salads are nearly as risky a raw food as, say, chicken," he says.

If you use your dish towels only to dry clean dishes or clean hands after washing them, you can keep them in circulation for three to four days, says Richardson. He recommends keeping a basket in your kitchen to serve as a hamper.

3. Food bowl daily, water bowl weekly



If you feed dry food, your dog's or cat's food bowl should be washed once a day, though it's not the most important thing. Richardson likens a kibble bowl to a bowl of popcorn: "You really should wash it every day, but if it goes a couple of days, it's okay."

There's more urgency when it comes to wet food. "The second that wet food interacts with the bowl, it has to go. You have to wash it," says Richardson.

And water bowls should get scrubbed weekly. "That's largely because eventually something will grow in there, even if it's not something that makes [your pets] sick," says Jonathan Lynch, an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine who focuses on the relationship between animals and microorganisms.

4. Once a month



Throw your pet's bed in the wash every month if your animal is regularly groomed and bathed. For pets that lead a more active, outdoor lifestyle, bump up the frequency to every two weeks, says Richardson. Similarly, if your dog slobbers excessively, you ought to increase how often you clean their bed. (These timelines assume your pets are on flea and tick preventatives and not bringing those harmful pests inside.)

For the most part, you'll want to wash pet beds to get rid of odor and mildew because they're unpleasant, not because they're particularly unhealthy for your animal, says Lynch.

If the bed doesn't fit in your washing machine, spot-clean it with a damp towel and laundry detergent, then follow up with a wet towel to get rid of the soap. "Steer clear of dryer sheets, fabric softener, really fragranced detergent, because dogs are very sensitive to chemicals," says Richardson.

A tip from Whiteley: Dry the bed in the sun if you can, because ultraviolet light kills bacteria.

5. Once a week



You should wipe down the inside of your microwave weekly, says Whiteley, "not because of the microbiological danger, but because of the smell." Unless you always cover the foods you heat up, some of them will end up on the appliance, and they'll continue to cook every time you turn it on, leading to unappetizing aromas.

Amelia Hensley, director of cooking systems at GE Appliances, says you'll make it easier on yourself if you always clean up after big spills. Target splatter with a soapy sponge or soft cloth, and make sure to avoid bleach, ammonia, abrasive soaps or commercial oven cleaners.

If you've neglected your microwave to the point that its interior looks like a tie-dye T-shirt, Hensley has some advice: Put some water in a dish and microwave it on full power for three minutes, then leave the door closed for five more minutes. The resulting steam will loosen the residue, making it easier to clean off.

6. Once a year



The average family should clean their oven at least once a year, possibly twice a year, says Hensley. (If you cook every single meal in the oven, you might want to up it to four to five times.) Regularly cleaning the oven prevents smells and reduces fire risk.

If your oven has a self-cleaning feature, follow those instructions. Otherwise, use soap and water with a wet cloth or nonabrasive sponge inside. To tackle the racks, take them out of the oven and soak them to loosen stuck-on grime.

7. Once a month



You might assume that, because this device cleans other items, it is always clean. But you'd be wrong. If you're using your dishwasher regularly, you should at least check monthly whether old food and grime has collected in its crevices.

Sarah Vance recommends running a paper towel along the inside of the rim to see if anything has built up, though you may not like what you uncover: She says she was "shocked, appalled and disgusted" by what she found. Now, she just runs the machine once a month without anything in it to keep it pristine.

Adam Hofmann, director of engineering for dishwasher advanced systems at GE Appliances, says you should also clean out the filter in the tub of the dishwasher. Just pop it out and give it a rinse before putting it back in place. Neglecting your filter can keep your dishes from sparkling.

8. Once a month



It's especially important to clean your washer once a month if you have a front-loading machine, says Michael Mattingly, executive director of product management for clothes care at GE Appliances. He also recommends leaving the door and detergent dispenser open after each cycle to allow them to dry.

He suggests checking the rubber seal on the door for buildup, which you can wipe out with a rag, especially if you have long hair or pets. You will also want to remove the dispenser drawer and clean it with hot water in the sink.

For top-loading machines, a monthly cleaning is still important if you're laundering soiled fabrics, have bad water quality or rely on well water.

9. Every two months



This is another category that varies based on who lives in your house. If you have pets and kids snuggling up with your blankets or dragging them onto the floor, you'll want to wash them more often. But Richardson says that every two months is generally sufficient for cleaning throw blankets, because they don't come into contact with skin the way that bedsheets do.

And don't forget about the removable covers on your throw pillows (assuming they reside on furniture that gets daily use). Richardson recommends tossing those into the wash about twice a year.

10. Once a week



You should wash your bedsheets at least once a week, to get rid of built-up skin cells, dust mites and odors, says Richardson. The more living creatures (human or pet) that use your bed or the fewer clothes you wear when you sleep, the more frequently you should wash.

11. Once a month



If you're using a top sheet, you can generally go about a month before needing to clean your duvet cover, says Richardson. (If you don't use a top sheet, then your duvet cover is constantly touching your skin and ought to be washed alongside the rest of your sheets.)

When it comes to duvet inserts, you can generally go longer between cleanings. As long as yours doesn't make direct contact with people or pets, it needs to be washed only quarterly "because it's not getting any soil on it," says Whiteley.

12. Once a year



While vacuuming area rugs is fine for typical maintenance, it doesn't sterilize them, says Lynch. For that, you'll need to use a steam vacuum, which you should do at least once a year for rugs that get regular traffic. Just be sure to dry-vacuum first — otherwise, you'll make mud, "and mud is much harder to remove than dry dirt," says Bruce Vance.

The rest of the time, says Richardson, the rule of thumb is to vacuum rugs on a weekly basis. In rooms that don't get a lot of use, you can go about two weeks. Regular vacuuming prevents dirt from building up in the rug and ultimately breaking it down.



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The quick-and-dirty way to fake a sparkling home

BY JENNIFER BARGER

Surprise! Your friendly neighbor/nosy mother-in-law/neatnik best friend is stopping by your place in 30 minutes. But your entryway is piled with flip-flops, your kitchen sink is stacked with pizza-crusted dishes, and your cat's hair is blanketing the sofa.

How can you fake a clean house if you've got no time — and no live-in help? "If you're in a hurry to make things look acceptable, it's really about perception," says Becky Rapinchuk, who runs the Clean Mama blog and online housekeeping course. "You want to concentrate on where people will be, not on a whole house cleanup."

Here are the hacks that she and other experts deploy to fake a sparkling space in a flash.

Consider who's coming — and why

Before going on a directionless cleaning spree, "think about how you can make your guest comfortable in the space," says KC Davis, a counselor and author of the book "How to Keep House While Drowning." "I worry less about dust on the floor or a ring in the toilet than about getting pet hair off the sofa if someone is going to watch a movie with me," she says. Keep a lint roller handy to quickly remove cat or dog fuzz from upholstery.

Cut the clutter

Clutter doesn't pose a health risk like dirt and grime might, but it can make visitors think your place belongs on a hoarding show. The fastest way to zap it, say cleaning pros, is to grab a laundry basket or other large container and start tossing things in.

"The hot spots are the entryway, the living room and the kitchen," says Caroline Solomon, a professional organizer in New York City who creates cleaning-hack TikToks as @neat.caroline. "You can put everything into a catchall basket in an emergency."

Davis picks up rooms in her house by grouping clutter into five categories: trash, laundry, dirty dishes, things that have a place and things that don't have a place.

"It puts your brain on autopilot," she says. "You can work on the first four categories quickly, and then toss all the things without homes into a lidded bin to deal with later."

In a rush, you can hide your bin of stuff in a room or closet that guests won't be using or — as Rapinchuk sometimes does — the trunk of your car.

Turn up the lights

Studies have shown that people perceive well-lit spaces as cleaner than dimly lit ones. One 2013 experiment found that people even believed litter looked cleaner in bright light.

"It goes back to ancient times, when sunlight was associated with health," says Vincent P. Magnini, a professor of marketing and hospitality management at Longwood University who has researched the perception of cleanliness. "Natural light is best — open up your blinds!"

Still, he cautions that bright lighting can backfire if you haven't recently dusted, so be mindful of obviously dusty spots, such as the TV.

Spiff up the soft stuff

Put clean hand towels in the guest bathroom and fold them nicely. Then fluff up the pillows on your sofa and fold up any blankets in your living room. If you think someone might peek into your boudoir, make the bed.



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LEFT: Wiping down the most visible surfaces should be high on your list when time is short. BOTTOM: Even a lemon-scented candle can't hide the odor of an overflowing trash can. Take out the trash, turn on a fan and open a window.

Do a surface wipe

While picking up or putting away your stuff goes a long way, it can't hide the dust bunnies frolicking on your floor or the mysterious goop on your kitchen counter. "People really notice if you wipe down the most visible surfaces — floors, kitchen countertops, get the soap scum off the powder room sink," says Grace Reynolds, co-founder of the American House Cleaners Association. "Plus, give attention to anything that has a sheen or that can show smudges — mirrors, the glass on your front door."

Pay attention to scent

Though you probably don't need scientific research to tell you that a lemon scent signals freshness, a series of 2005 Dutch studies indeed showed that subjects connected citrus with cleaning. To create the same association in your home, light a lemon- or orange-infused candle (though Solomon swears by Flamingo Estate's tomato candle — "it just gives a bright note to the air," she says). Reynolds counsels: "My former mother-in-law had a great trick where she'd rub Pine-Sol on the inside of the front-door frame" so the scent would immediately greet guests.

Aromatherapy, however, won't hide the stench of an overflowing kitchen garbage can or last night's fish dinner. So, also be sure to empty the trash, turn on the ceiling fan and "air out your home by opening the windows," says Solomon.

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> **Vincent P. Magnini,** professor of marketing and hospitality management at Longwood University

Add a plant or flowers

A study Magnini co-authored in 2021 found that people thought indoor spaces with plants and other greenery were cleaner than those without. "It's not rational, but indoor plants have some crazy psychological power over us," he says.

Many housekeeping pros also believe adding fresh flowers to your home helps the space sparkle. "If you are going to pick up chips and dip, get a bouquet, too," says Solomon. "That will make things feel finished and make it seem like you have your act together."

Prepare for next time

Not to sound like your parents, but if you set up a system to keep your house clean and your clutter at a minimum all the time, it'll be quicker to make things look company-ready in a pinch. "My premise is to do a little bit every day so you aren't spending your whole weekend cleaning," says Rapinchuk. "I assign specific tasks to specific days of the week — floors one day, bathrooms another, laundry once a week."

When you're rushing to clean things up, it's tempting to go after everything with a pack of bleach wipes. But simpler, less corrosive products — Reynolds swears by Barkeepers Friend, Dawn soap and essential oil cleaner for most jobs — are both effective and less likely to damage surfaces such as stainless steel or marble.

"And don't be afraid to use tools to make things simpler for yourself," advises Davis. She often uses disposable toilet brush heads (like Clorox ToiletWands) to scrub down the exterior and the interior of the toilet. "Just do anything you can do to get a little time back."

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7 ways you might be making your cleaner's life harder

BY RACHEL KURZIUS

When Dana Poulin, owner of Lake Tahoe Cleaning Services, walks into a home, she knows almost immediately if it's going to be a hard job. "The first second I walk in that door, things will be moved out of place. There will be a blanket or pillow thrown where it's not supposed to be or a water bottle or a cup sitting there," she says. "I'm like, 'Oh that is a sign no one picked up after themselves.' And then as you go through the house, you realize the whole house is just a disaster."

If you plan to hire someone to clean your home, don't be like this. Instead, heed the advice we gleaned from cleaning professionals about how you can help them do a better job tidying up your place. Here's what house cleaners say they wish every client knew.

1. Communicate expectations in advance

Before someone comes to your house to clean, have a direct conversation about pricing and expectations. Some companies charge an hourly rate, others by the number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Whatever the case, you want to get a ballpark estimate in advance.

You should also have a clear understanding of the tasks you can reasonably expect the service to handle. Some cleaners will wash dirty dishes or do laundry, whereas others consider those to be add-ons. If you have outdoor areas, such as a deck, that you want included, make sure you specify as much. (Yes, cleaners field complaints from clients that patios or garages have not been swept, despite those chores not being a part of your typical house-cleaning package.) For specialized services, such as organizing closets or deep-cleaning rugs, you almost certainly have to call someone else.

Then there are tasks that take exorbitant amounts of time, such as scrubbing the walls. Zeynep Mehmetoglu, co-owner of Maid Bright in Herndon, Va., says this is a frequent ask: "We've had so many requests, 'Can you clean all my walls?' And that's [its own visit] for us just to do that," she says. "We're not going to do it during a regular cleaning." This preliminary conversation is also an opportunity to discuss cleaning supplies. Some services provide their own, whereas others use yours. If you prefer the house cleaner to use yours, make sure you have all the supplies you say you do.

Maria Buendia, owner of New York City cleaning cooperative Up & Go, recalls one homeowner who told her they had a vacuum for her to use. "The house had not been cleaned in a while, and they had a pet, and they gave us a hand vacuum," she says through an interpreter. The small device was not strong enough for the job. "I had to be bent over and crouched the whole time," she says, adding, "If she had told us that she didn't have a vacuum, we would've brought one."

2. Declutter before your house is cleaned

It might seem counterintuitive to clean before a professional cleaning, but tidying up makes it easier for the cleaners to do a thorough job. No need to mop or dust. Simply clearing away the clutter will go a long way. If you leave laundry, paperwork or other belongings out, cleaners will have to move it to do their work, which could lead to misunderstandings or even false accusations. "We have had instances where it is cluttered, then

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we have our cleaners accused of ‘Oh, this went missing,’” but the clients “end up finding it because it was just part of their own mess,” Mehmetoglu says.

3. Secure pets and kids

Do not make your house cleaner act as a babysitter or pet sitter. Vania Soares, owner of Extra Green Cleaning Services in the Washington area, once had a client’s dog bite her worker on the job. While the wound did not end up being too serious, it required medical attention. On another occasion, Soares was working in a home herself while a client’s kid constantly disrupted her team. The child, who she guesses was about 5 years old, “was around us in the bathroom all the time,” she says. “He was playing with our products, our supplies.” She has also dealt with kids who like to play with the vacuum cleaner.

For everyone’s safety, keep kids and animals out of the way of cleaning professionals. If you plan to secure pets somewhere while you leave, such as in the basement, be sure to give the cleaners clear instructions about rooms they shouldn’t enter and whether you expect them to let an animal out when they’re done working.

4. Stash away special or sentimental items

House cleaners should do their best to be careful around your belongings, but accidents happen. If a vase from your grandmother is an irreplaceable heirloom, put it away rather than risk a wayward vacuum hose knocking it over. If you must leave it out, flag that it’s precious and explain to the cleaners precisely how you want them to care for it.

On one job, Buendia was dusting what she thought was a doll, when suddenly its “lid went flying,” she says. If she had known that the valuable had a lid, Buendia would have approached it differently. Ultimately, her company paid for the damage. Ever since that mishap, Buendia has made sure to ask about anything that looks antique or delicate when she visits a client for the first time. But the onus is really on the homeowner to point out these things.

5. Give a heads-up about quirks and defects

All homes (and homeowners) have quirks. Just be sure to let your cleaners know about the ones that could affect them. If a glass shower door is unstable, for instance, “you should let us know about that, because we wouldn’t want our cleaning crews to get hurt” while putting too much pressure on it during a wipe-down, Mehmetoglu says. Soares says she gets frequent requests to watch out for certain faulty toilets or faucets.

6. Don’t be gross

Cleaning professionals are not pest control. “What people do is they get you out to clean their house, and once you’re there they say, ‘Oh, there’s a little mouse poopy,’” Poulin says. “But I don’t have the equipment to clean that up.”

Nor are they biohazard experts. Mehmetoglu says some “clients have left biological waste in their homes, and we’re not equipped to clean that. You need to manage that before we get there. We’ve had to call them and say: ‘Hey, we can’t clean your property. We are refunding your money.’”

7. Treat workers with respect

This should go without saying, but your home should be a pleasant and safe working environment. One simple place to start is with the thermostat. Though Soares says it doesn’t happen too often, working in homes that are an uncomfortable temperature can be a problem, “especially when [clients] go on vacation” and turn off their heating or cooling systems.

And being kind to your cleaning professionals will only help you, says Trinidad Lopez, a member of the Dulce Hogar Cleaning Coop in the District, through an interpreter: “That motivates us to continue and do better work.”



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TOP: Discuss expectations before your cleaner arrives. If you prefer they use your own cleaning supplies, make sure you have everything you say you do. RIGHT: Cleaners aren’t pet sitters or babysitters. Keep kids and pets out of their way for everyone’s safety.



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Don't let a deep clean soak up your entire Sunday

BY HANNAH HOLLAND

Maybe you've been putting it off — and who could blame you? Almost everyone hates the thought of an entire Sunday spent disinfecting bathrooms and dusting surfaces. But the dreaded deep clean is, at some point, unavoidable. So, we set out to make it a little bit easier.

We asked professional house cleaners and other cleaning experts to divulge their best advice for cleaning an entire home both quickly and thoroughly. Here is their road map to getting through your next whole-house scrub-down as efficiently as possible.

Choose a few core cleaning supplies

When it comes to cleaning supplies, less is more. Vanesa Amaro, a housekeeper in Texas and the self-proclaimed "Queen of Clean" to her 5.9 million TikTok followers, recommends "stocking up a few core products that can be used on multiple surfaces and for different cleaning techniques throughout your home."

You'll want one disinfectant on hand, especially "when there is a known contagion in the house, like someone has a stomach flu," says Lisa Bronner, author of the blog Going Green With Lisa Bronner and the forthcoming book "Soap & Soul."

And the cleaning experts we interviewed all praised one powerful, reusable item: microfiber cloths. These inexpensive little squares can be used to achieve everything from streak-free mirrors to dustless shelves.

To simplify and speed things up even more, Amaro color-codes her supplies, including the "microfiber cloths and sponges — so all my green supplies are for the kitchen, blue for the bathroom and so on."

Work top to bottom, left to right

Elizabeth Buchanan, owner of Cleaner Living NW and Nurturals Natural Products in Oregon, has been cleaning homes professionally for nearly two decades. She says the easiest way to tackle any room is to clean from top to bottom, working in sections left to right. "If you walk into a room and follow that order, starting from the left and going in a circle, you won't miss anything."

Amaro echoes this, especially when it comes to the top-to-bottom part. "This way, you can make sure any dust lingering on high surfaces will make its way to the floor [by the time] you do a final vacuum."

Declutter, then dust

Before you can really clean, you must declutter. Do this in every room — dishes out of the sink, toys off the ground, that mountain of clean laundry folded. You can't attack dirt and grime properly if it's concealed beneath a messy pile. And if you have to keep interrupting your dusting or vacuuming to put things away, you'll only waste time.

Once you've decluttered, Buchanan prescribes a three-step process to eliminate dust: Go over surfaces with a dry duster (such as a Swiffer duster), then hit them a second time with a damp microfiber cloth. Finally, buff them with a dry microfiber cloth. As Buchanan notes, don't waste time worrying about pushing crumbs and other debris onto the ground as you go — you'll vacuum

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those up later.

Tackle the kitchen

In Buchanan's experience, the kitchen is the messiest part of most people's homes. For that reason, she suggests getting it out of the way early. She begins by wiping down the fronts of cabinets with a microfiber cloth and the appropriate spray cleaner, following the top-to-bottom method.

If you've got stainless steel appliances, Bronner suggests microwaving a damp microfiber cloth for a few seconds, then using it to wipe them down. The hot cloth will help loosen grease, without leaving any streaks behind.

For especially tough messes on a stovetop, Buchanan suggests scrubbing with a paste of equal parts Bar Keepers Friend and dish soap. Amaro uses a dual-sided scraper "to lift the crust up before spraying and wiping down the surface with a degreaser."

Finally, zero in on your sink, an area particularly prone to grime and germs. Buchanan uses a small scrubbing brush to get inside and around the drain. She swears by a wet Magic Eraser to wipe down the sink basin because you can "feel if the surface is smooth and therefore clean." (Magic Erasers work on other smooth surfaces, too, she says, such as bathtubs or even light switch plates. Just avoid painted surfaces, "as they can take the finish off."



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The fastest way to tackle any room is to work from top to bottom. This ensures that dust makes its way to the floor before you pull out the vacuum and mop. Save the germiest floor for last — the bathroom.

Then tackle the bathrooms

Next, move on to the bathrooms. If you have more than one, Buchanan advises starting with the primary because it is often the largest and therefore feels the most daunting.

First, spray every hard, nonglass surface — countertop, toilet, tub, sink — with an all-purpose bathroom cleaner suited to eradicating mold, mildew and germs. Let the cleaner sit for at least a few minutes to work correctly. Empty the trash as you wait. When the time comes, wipe the cleaner off those hard surfaces with a wet microfiber cloth, then dry with a fresh cloth so that everything is shiny and streak-free.

Buchanan uses her wet Magic Erasers for scrubbing showers, tubs and tile. Save mirrors and glass shower doors for last, spraying those with Windex (or a similar product), or white vinegar diluted with water. Amaro suggests "turning off any lights directly above the mirror, because the heat of the lightbulb can evaporate your cleaning solution and cause streaks."

Save floors for last

Start by vacuuming. Bronner and Buchanan say an adjustable vacuum is key — that way it'll work just as well in your carpeted bedroom as your hardwood hallway. Buchanan prefers to vacuum her "way out of the house," working from the deepest part of the interior toward the front door. That way "you don't leave footprints on the carpet or walk over the vacuumed areas."

Once the floors are sufficiently vacuumed, it's time to mop. Bronner notes your flooring type will dictate what sort of mop you'll need. If you have tile, you'll need a string mop that can get into those hard-to-reach grout lines, not just push dirt deeper into them. For hardwood, you'll need a flat-head mop. Save the bathroom floors for last because they're almost certainly the germiest, says Buchanan, and you don't want to track that grossness around the rest of your house.

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The joy of clutter: In defense of a messy desk, and life

BY BRITT PETERSON

I'm writing this at a desk littered with objects: a small ceramic chicken a friend bought for me in Brazil, multiple expired gift cards and a framed photo of my partner and me in college, looking rudely young. There's an old Christmas-tree-shaped Christmas ornament and an Easter-bunny-shaped Easter egg basket, a vintage postcard of the Flatiron Building (on the back, someone in 1908 wrote: "Hello! Ada! No doubt you have about forgotten me by this time; but I assure you that I still remember you") and two boxes of picture hangers.

It's half junk and half treasure. But I've gotten so used to the mix that I haven't thrown anything out in years — and I've found that I prefer it that way.

Through years of excitable media coverage, we've convinced ourselves that decluttering can solve all kinds of problems, from bad sleep to poor mental health to relationship conflict. Recently, however, there's been a backlash from environmentalists, feminists, design maximalists and book-lovers. It's understandable we would cling to decluttering, a practice with deep spiritual and historic roots. But there may be other ways to interact with our belongings that would spark a more lasting joy, and be better for the planet and the humans around us as well.

Our recent burst of decluttering enthusiasm began in 2014, with the U.S. release of Marie Kondo's book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," and ramped up after her Netflix show came out in 2019. Kondo's marriage of Shinto philosophy and Japanese design proved irresistible to Western audiences, overwhelming thrift stores nationwide as people rushed to shed things that didn't "spark joy." Early in the pandemic, people stuck at home and trying to create space to work and educate their kids launched a new wave of decluttering efforts and a surge of work for junk-haulers and charity donation sites.

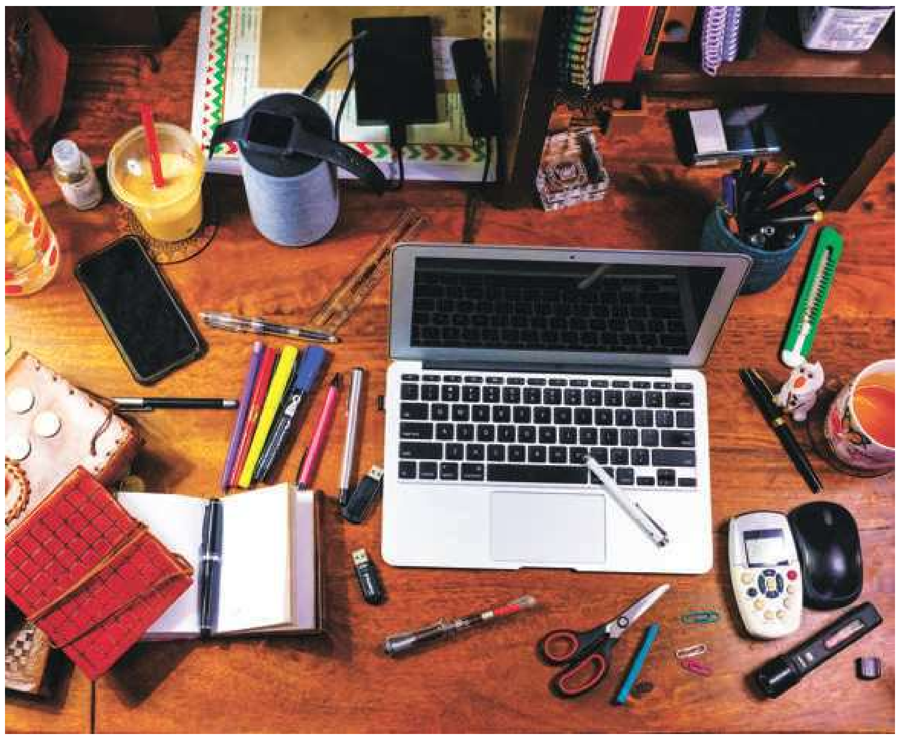
Decluttering's appeal can feel very modern, a timely response to late capitalism's mass production of objects not destined for a long life. But decluttering, as a concept and a ritual, is much older. In a 2021 essay in the International Journey of Practical Theology, Christiane Lang Hearlson, a religion professor at Villanova University, argued that decluttering is in line with spiritual practices dating back millennia, like repentance, detachment from worldly things and purgation. "The idea with purging is to send out of yourself or your life the things that are preventing you from living in a whole way, in a good way," Hearlson told me. Noting modern-day language around "purging" or "detoxing" from clutter, she went on, "It's the same idea: … there's something toxic in my life and I need to send it away."

This resonance with deep spiritual tradition must explain some part of why decluttering can be so satisfying: An orderly home feels like an orderly soul. But the concept of "purging" has some very dark undertones — bulimia, shame-based purity cultures, genocide — and those undertones echo today as well. As is true for purity culture and eating disorders, decluttering relies primarily on female labor and female shame: Women do the bulk of decluttering, and are most harshly judged for an inadequate effort.

"Generally, women are still viewed as the household manager," said Jill Yavorsky, a sociologist at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte who studies gender and housework. "And so ultimately, unfortunately, we still see that women bear the responsibility of making sure their house is very clean and organized." In fact, she pointed out, if men carried an equal housework load in heterosexual marriages, decluttering might not even be necessary because not as much stuff would build up: "The reason that clutter builds up is because there is more work than one person can handle."

The cycle of bingeing and purging that often defines our relationship with stuff can be destructive on an environmental level as well. Donating to charity can feel like the more ethical, sustainable approach to decluttering, vs. just chucking everything away. But thrift stores, stretched thin by our decluttering obsession, are unable to process items that come to them indiscriminately,

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There's a thrumming of life around a messy desk. Perhaps we've become too quick to dismiss our connection with our belongings.

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and many donations end up in landfills anyway. In 2021, Goodwill issued a public plea for people to stop dumping trash items (broken furniture, batteries, stained or torn clothing) that were getting swept up in pandemic decluttering efforts and dropped off at their locations. The pressure to eliminate stuff from our lives distracts us from thinking about where it actually goes when we're done with it, or making a more responsible plan for its future.

Although the decluttering movement can sometimes pathologize a close relationship with objects, our connection with our belongings is not to be dismissed. It's no coincidence that decluttering feels like emotional as well as physical labor, unlike purely physical chores such as vacuuming or emptying the dishwasher: We imbue our stuff with memories and meaning. Research into the human connection with the inanimate reveals an intense and complex bond. People who are uncertain about their human attachments can form extra strong attachments with comforting objects, sometimes anthropomorphizing them in the process. And people don't just humanize their things; they view them as an extension of themselves. In a 2012 neuroscience study, the brain region that activates when people are processing things related to the self was shown to also be activated by things belonging to the self.

Sometimes this bond with our stuff can feel toxic — our dependence on personal technology, our addiction to buying cheap, environmentally destructive clothing and plastic items. But it's not the connection that's toxic; it's just that our desire for connection is being constantly exploited. The connection itself can verge on the spiritual. Hearlson recalled religious sacraments, noting that for all of them, regardless of tradition, "it's a human practice, but they're also material objects. The bread, the wine, the water. And each of them, it's like you're supposed to interact with it in a way that reminds you both that it's revealing something about God to you and … that everything else in the world bears that divine presence." My desktop collection of obsolescent chargers may not obviously connect me with the divine. But I do, even as an atheist, feel a thrumming of life around my messy desk, a large part of why (or at least my new excuse for why) I rarely tidy it.

Decluttering is, fundamentally, an individual response to systemic problems: mass production of poorly constructed items, a culture that is both acquisitive and then intensely judgmental about other people's acquisitions, gender-based inequalities in the division of labor. Being more thoughtful about the objects we choose to bring into our homes, then considering their long-term future instead of disposing of them irresponsibly — in other words, treating them as having emotional, even divine presence — is not going to solve these problems. (Among other things, it's still likely to be primarily women making the effort to be thoughtful: Annie Hirschorn of Life in Place organizing, a D.C.-area company that specializes in environmentally friendly methods for divesting people of their unwanted items, tells me that 95 percent of her clients are women.)

But at the very least, that attention, care and forgiveness — toward our belongings, toward ourselves — could put us in a gentler place, better equipped to meet the challenges of a crowded house and a crowded planet.

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I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study
City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, and Prince George's County, MD

Virtual Public Information Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (presentation starts at 6:30 p.m.)
https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside

In-Person Public Information Meetings
All meeting times are 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (presentation starts at 7 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Oxon Hill High School (Auditorium), 6701 Leyte Dr, Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center (Multi-purpose Room), 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
John R. Lewis High School (Cafeteria), 6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield, VA 22150

Learn about and provide input on the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study (495 Southside Study), an environmental study evaluating the potential extension of the Express Lanes system on the southern section of the Capital Beltway (I-495) by 11 miles from the Springfield interchange (I-95/I-395/I-495) in Fairfax County, Virginia, across the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge, to the MD 210 interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Since introducing the 495 Southside Study at the Public Information Meetings in May 2022, VDOT has developed proposed preliminary alternative concepts to address identified transportation needs within the study area, which are to extend and provide continuity of the Express Lanes system on I-495, provide additional travel choices, reduce congestion and improve travel reliability, improve safety, and provide consistency with local and regional plans. VDOT will share preliminary alternative concepts for review and input at upcoming public meetings to inform the range of alternatives that will be carried forward in the study.

The virtual public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. Visit https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside or call 703-691-6715 for information about how to access and participate in the virtual meeting.

The in-person public information meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 13, at Oxon Hill High School, Tuesday, September 19, at Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center, and Wednesday, September 20, at John R. Lewis High School. All meetings will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with a formal presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Meeting display boards will be available to review, and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other federal, state and local agencies in Virginia and Maryland, is conducting an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771.

Review and provide input on VDOT's preliminary alternative concepts that will inform the range of alternatives to be carried forward in the Environmental Assessment on the webpage (https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside), or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead at 703-691-6715 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions. Meeting materials will be posted on the study webpage prior to the public information meetings.

Provide your input by completing a public opinion survey at https://www.virginiadot.org/495Southside, and by providing your written comments at one of the meetings or submitting them by October 2, 2023 to Nick Nies, AICP, VDOT 495 Southside Express Lanes Study NEPA Project Manager, 9030 Stony Point Parkway, Suite 220, Richmond, VA 23235, or email 495southsideexpresslanes@VDOT.Virginia.gov.

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Diamonds don't stay spotless forever. Clean jewelry the right way.

BY JURA KONCIUS

Your jewelry gives your daily life a lot of sparkle, so it's important to be nice to your bling.

There are lots of ways to clean and polish diamond engagement rings, heirloom pearls and flea market earrings. But some methods are better than others, say the pros, and some can even damage a treasured necklace or bracelet.

When you buy jewelry at a shop or online, it's always good to ask about the proper way to care for it. We spoke to three experts about how to clean, polish and store jewelry, as well as how to protect vintage pieces. Here are their suggestions.

Diamonds and pearls

"When I talk to customers about caring for their jewelry, there are two overarching themes," says Matthew Rosenheim, CEO and owner of Washington's Tiny Jewel Box. "One is proceed with caution. The other is less is more."

Make sure when you clean something, you aren't actually damaging it. For example, Rosenheim is not a fan of ultrasonic cleaners, which use high-frequency sound waves transmitted through liquid to dislodge dirt and grime.



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When buying jewelry, it's always good to ask about the proper way to care for it. Be sure the cleaner you use won't damage the piece.

"While it might be okay to put the gold bracelet or diamond ring in there," he says, "people might get confused and put in a colored stone or something organic like a strand of pearls and that could be damaged."

Jackie DiSante, Christies vice president and head of sales for jewelry, says that generally, it's safe to clean diamonds with a soft-bristle toothbrush and a little mild dish soap. She says standard dip jewelry cleaners (usually containing isopropyl alcohol or ammonia) are probably okay for diamonds, "but proceed with caution."

"Always read the instructions before using these types of cleaners," she says, "and when in doubt, use warm water and mild soap."

Diamond rings are perhaps the piece of jewelry that is cleaned most often, as everyday products such as hand lotion or soap can quickly dull their brilliance. Rosenheim recommends his wife's formula: put a little ammonia-based glass cleaner in a cup and use a small toothbrush to scrub the diamond from the top and bottom to get the soap scum and dirt off. It's best to clean a ring away from your sink to avoid losing it, but if you need to do it there, close your drain.

For delicate items, such as pearls, it's best to just wipe them with a soft cloth. But if you must clean them, Rosenheim says, put a little Ivory liquid soap on a soft cloth, run it over the pearls, wipe them off with another slightly damp cloth and then pat to dry.

Silver and gold

Newer silver jewelry is less likely to need polishing than older pieces, as it's usually treated with non-tarnish alloy. Old sterling can be polished with a chemically treated jewelry polishing cloth, Rosenheim says.

New York vintage and antique jewelry dealer Paul Lemieux, who along with partner Eloy Nava sells under the name What is Thing (@witvtg on Instagram), recommends a gentle cream such as Wrights and warm water. He also likes the Corbell by Town Talk anti-tarnish silver polishing mitts to give pieces a quick shine.

For plain gold bangles or necklaces, a simple polishing cloth is the best way to buff to a nice shine, according to DiSante. A soft toothbrush and mild dish soap are also safe to use on most silver and gold.

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A jumble of jewels leads to scratches

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How to store jewelry

Store your jewelry pieces separately, not on top of one another in a pile. Cloth bags, silk pouches or original boxes are good choices.

"You would be amazed at how many people store their jewelry all together and resting on each other," says DiSante. "You open a drawer and there are jumbles of jewels. We all have certain pieces we wear on a regular basis and then just throw them back in the drawer. But that is when damage can happen. Jewelry rubbing against each other causes problems. Gold can scratch your pearls." If you don't have original boxes, she suggests using a jewelry case with separate compartments or clear plastic bags.



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If you aren't storing a piece of jewelry in its original box, a jewelry box with separate compartments or small, sealable bags will work.

Lemieux says it's fine to keep many types of pieces — such as link bracelets, bangles and chunky chain necklaces — in small, sealable bags made for jewelry storage. (He suggests putting earrings in two separate bags.) But anything more fragile or that could get bent or crushed, such as delicate chains, or intricate necklaces or rings, should be kept in individual jewelry boxes.

What to avoid

Though Elizabeth Taylor was known to take a dip in the pool in her Cartier diamonds and rubies, it's not really a great idea. Swimming pool water has chemicals that could break down metals over time, says Rosenheim. (Taylor, by the way, wore lots of her famous jewels daily, and took very good care of them, storing most of them in their original boxes, says DiSante. Christies auctioned the Taylor jewels in 2011 for $137.2 million.)

DiSante says wearing your rings while doing dishes is usually okay, but it's best to wear gloves or remove your jewelry if you are using stronger cleaning fluids, chemicals or paint.

And some materials — for example, pearls, opals or coral — are quite sensitive to chemicals and require some extra TLC. If you own these, put them on after you've applied your perfume, makeup and hair spray. Avoid putting them in water.

Vintage jewelry

Part of the beauty of vintage jewelry is its patina. So be gentle when cleaning or polishing it. Generally, a soft dry toothbrush or a clean, soft cloth are all that is needed.

"When I clean things I try to respect the piece's age as well as the original intent of the manufacturer and the artist who made it," says Lemieux.

Beware of putting vintage or antique jewelry in an ultrasonic cleaner, he adds, because the vibrations could damage delicate items.

If you have American Southwest turquoise and silver pieces, be extra careful when cleaning the silver part, because the cleaner could, over time, change the color of the turquoise, which is porous. Lemieux suggests putting a bit of silver cleaner on a cotton swab to dab on the silver and use a soft cloth on the stones.

Keep Bakelite or anything made of horn away from perfumes and chemicals and only polish with a soft chamois cloth that has not been treated with chemicals. Lemieux says carved Bakelite bangles can be rejuvenated with just warm water with a bit of dish soap in it and a soft toothbrush.

For rhinestones, Lemieux recommends slightly dampening a soft cloth with a bit of Windex or water and going gently only over the surface of the stones to remove oils and makeup, being careful not to snag or pull on any prongs. Do not get the whole piece wet, as moisture can affect the foil backing that gives rhinestones their sparkle. And with beads, don't get the silk or cotton string wet or in contact with chemicals, he says, as it could weaken it. It's best just to polish gently with a cloth.



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Bathrooms: 3

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Features

A former townhouse at 1638 Trinidad Ave. NE was expanded in almost every direction to make room for three condominiums. The two-story building was gutted, bumped out in the back and widened. A third floor was added, and the basement was deepened to accommodate mostly nine-foot ceilings. The facade was rebuilt to resemble those on other houses in the neighborhood.

Units 2 and 3 are accessible from the ground level. A front porch on one side has a doorway that opens to unit 2, which includes the first floor and the back half of the second floor. A front porch on the other side leads to unit 3, which includes the third floor and the front half of the second floor. Units 2 and 3 each have two back decks. Unit 1, on the lower level, is not complete and not yet on the market.

"These are large units," said real estate agent Stefan Rahimian, one of the investors in the development. "Average units in the neighborhood are 1,400 square feet, while these two upper units are both approximately 2,200 square feet each."

On the first floor, unit 2 has an open-concept space with the kitchen and the living and dining areas. A hall leads to two bedrooms and a door to a back deck. The ceiling in the kitchen is 19 feet high. A floating staircase leads to a primary bedroom with two closets, an en suite bathroom and French doors that open to another deck. There is a closet with laundry hookups, and a beverage center, or wet bar, with sink, quartz counter and white Shaker-style cabinets, is on the landing next to the primary bedroom suite.

The door to unit 3 opens to stairs that lead to the second floor, with its open-concept kitchen and dining and living areas, and then to the third floor, which has three bedrooms, a laundry closet and a loft area. A beverage center near the loft has a sink, a quartz counter, white Shaker-style cabinets and an under-counter refrigerator. The loft and the bedroom at the front of the condo, decorated as an office, each have two skylights. The primary bedroom, at the back of the condo, has a walk-in closet, an en suite bathroom and French doors that open to a rear deck. And an outside spiral staircase connects that deck to a rooftop deck.

The spiral staircase also connects the two

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The kitchen in the second of three units at 1638 Trinidad Ave. NE has 19-foot-high ceilings and stainless-steel appliances, along with a floating staircase. The hall bathroom in unit 3 also opens to a bedroom. Units 2 and 3 both have open-concept living, kitchen and dining areas.

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decks that come with unit 2 and a parking pad behind the building. Two parking spaces are available for $20,000 each.

All units have Calacatta quartz countertops; black, steel stair railings; oak stairs; and red oak flooring in the living areas. Each has different fixtures and hardware: brass in unit 3 and chrome in unit 2.

Kitchen

Kitchens in units 2 and 3 have U-shaped counters with peninsulas, white Shaker-style cabinets and marble-look tile backsplashes. A pot filler faucet and floating shelves are set in the backsplash. The 36-inch Verona induction range, French door refrigerator by LG, Whirlpool microwave and Samsung dishwasher all have a stainless-steel front.

Bathrooms

Units 2 and 3 have two full bathrooms and a powder room.

Primary suite bathrooms have a double-sink vanity, white Shaker-style cabinets and a walk-in shower with a rain shower head and a wall-mounted shower head. Shower niches have LED lighting, shower floors have small hexagonal tiles, and shower surrounds and other parts of the bathrooms have marble-look tile. Unit 2 has a soaker tub with a black accent wall.

Other full bathrooms have a single-sink vanity, a tub-shower combo and a white cabinet. The floor has marble-look hexagonal tile, and the shower surround has subway tile installed diagonally with gray grout. These bathrooms open to the hall and to one of the secondary bedrooms.

The powder rooms have a pedestal sink.

Neighborhood

Trinidad

Nearby shops and restaurants

Ivy City is just to the north of this development, and Union Market is a mile to the west. New development along Bladensburg Road borders the neighborhood to the east. The H Street neighborhood, about a half-mile away, has restaurants and entertainment venues.

An Aldi grocery, on 17th Street, and a Safeway, on Maryland Avenue, are each about a half-mile away. A Whole Foods store is about a mile away on H Street.

Nearby parks

The Trinidad Recreation Center is a block away. The U.S. National Arboretum is about a mile away.

Schools

Elementary and middle: Wheatley Education Campus

High: Dunbar High School

Transit

The D8 bus to Union Station, on the Red Line, stops on Trinidad Avenue. The free D.C. Streetcar route on H Street, which runs from Oklahoma Avenue to Union Station, has a stop less than a mile away. The B2 bus to the Stadium-Armory Metro station, on the Blue, Orange and Silver lines, stops a half-mile away at Bladensburg and Mount Olivet roads.

What sets it apart

"There is tremendous growth in the neighborhood," Rahimian said. He said Trinidad is surrounded by development in such places as New City, Ivy City, Union Market and along Bladensburg Road and H Street.

Benjamin C. Tankersley



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Units 2 and 3 are accessible from the front porch at the right; Unit 1, on the lower level, is not yet on the market. The Trinidad Recreation Center is a block away. The Atlas Performing Arts Center, on H Street, is about a half-mile away. The front bedroom of unit 3, decorated as an office, has two skylights.

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Building back better?

The dawn of a new NFL season brings a new owner to the DMV. Josh Harris has some work to do.

Schedule and roster: Week-by-week and position-by-position breakdowns. **F2-3** | **Svrluga:** The columnist has a few thoughts for the new man in charge. **F4** | **Membership required:** A look at the exclusive club of owners. **F7**
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The schedule isn't kind to the Commanders

BY SAM FORTIER

The Josh Harris era will start with a challenging schedule. The Washington Commanders have two conference heavyweights in the NFC East, Philadelphia and Dallas, and face two tough divisions, the AFC East and NFC West. The Commanders' slate is projected to be the ninth most difficult in the NFL, according to Inpredictable, a sports betting analysis website. Sportsbooks generally have forecast that the Commanders will have six or seven wins. ¶ But Coach Ron Rivera wants to do something he has never done in Washington: Start fast. His teams opened 2-7 in 2020, 2-6 in 2021 and 1-4 in 2022. This year's first game is at home against Washington's weakest opponent, which could help. Another positive: The team doesn't have backloaded division games, as it did in 2021 and 2022, and it has one of the best rest edges in the league. One challenge will be a Week 14 bye. ¶ Here's a week-by-week breakdown of Washington's schedule:

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SEPT. 10 1 P.M., FOX

vs. Arizona Cardinals

It's by far the most winnable game. Arizona's new regime is tearing down the roster by trading away key pieces and cutting quarterback Colt McCoy, who was the presumed starter without star Kyler Murray (ACL). The Cardinals have a new head coach and a first-time offensive coordinator and probably will start journeyman quarterback Josh Dobbs, whom they traded for Aug. 24. Washington was favored by eight points before Arizona cut McCoy, according to Inpredictable, and should become a steeper favorite.

2

SEPT. 17 4:25 P.M., CBS

at Denver Broncos

After a disastrous first year, Denver's new ownership group hired Coach Sean Payton to resurrect Russell Wilson's career. If the duo are successful — a big question after an uneven preseason — Denver could be a problem. The offense is getting explosive running back Javonte Williams back from a devastating knee injury but could be without several other key players, including wide receiver Jerry Jeudy (hamstring).

3

SEPT. 24 1 P.M., CBS

vs. Buffalo Bills

They're juggernaut Super Bowl contenders with an MVP-caliber quarterback in Josh Allen. Washington should be better than the last time they played — a 43-21 shellacking at Buffalo in 2021 — and there seems to be simmering discord between Allen and star wideout Stefon Diggs. But unless Washington's defense starts much faster than it has in years past, the Commanders' best hope is for the Bills to beat themselves.

4

OCT. 1 1 P.M., FOX

at Philadelphia Eagles

Maybe the best win of Rivera's tenure came at Lincoln Financial Field last year. The Commanders knocked off the then-undefeated Eagles, 32-21, on "Monday Night Football." It'll be difficult to pull off another upset with the Eagles reloaded and hoping for another Super Bowl run. Philadelphia addressed the weakness Washington exploited in that game, the interior defensive line, by picking the best player in the draft: Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter.

5

OCT. 5 8:15 P.M., PRIME VIDEO

vs. Chicago Bears

Amazon can't get enough of Commanders-Bears. For the second straight year, the two teams will play on a Thursday night, this time at Washington. Chicago is in the second year of a rebuild and should be better on defense with the addition of middle linebacker Tremaine Edmunds. The regime is betting big on continued development from dynamic quarterback Justin Fields, who is a devastating threat as a runner but has been limited as a passer.

(Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. Interim CEO Patty Stonesifer sits on Amazon's board.)

6

OCT. 15 1 P.M., CBS

at Atlanta Falcons

Barring injury, this won't be a revenge game for Taylor Heinicke. Atlanta's starting quarterback is Desmond Ridder, the 2022 third-round pick out of Cincinnati. But the Falcons' avant-garde, run-first offense minimizes the quarterback and highlights an elite trio of rushers: Cordarrelle Patterson, Tyler Allgeier and 2023 first-round pick Bijan Robinson. Atlanta's defense, anchored by tackle Grady Jarrett and new safety Jessie Bates III, should be competitive.

7

OCT. 22 1 P.M., CBS

at New York Giants

The last time the Commanders played the Giants on the road, their game finished 20-20. This year, the Giants doubled down on quarterback Daniel Jones and are trying to prove their surprise surge to the divisional round of the playoffs was no fluke. Coach Brian Daboll remains one of the brightest offensive minds in the league and is complemented by an aggressive defensive coordinator in Don "Wink" Martindale.

8

OCT. 29 1 P.M., FOX

vs. Philadelphia Eagles

A potentially major milestone for Washington's new ownership. If the season is going well and attendance is strong, this game could be a statement return for Commanders fans to FedEx Field after years of Eagles fans flooding the seats to create what they called "the Linc South." If the season isn't going well and the Birds are soaring, it could be just another Sunday when good plays by the home team are booed.

9

NOV. 5 1 P.M., FOX

at New England Patriots

The most interesting storyline of this game: how Patriots Coach Bill Belichick, who crafts defensive game plans as Rembrandt used paint, attacks quarterback Sam Howell. Young passers have always struggled against Belichick, and the Patriots' defense should be one of the best in the league with a strong, deep rotation of hybrid safeties/linebackers. New England also should be better on offense after scrapping the odd offensive coordinator tandem of Joe Judge and Matt Patricia in favor of veteran coach Bill O'Brien.

10

NOV. 12 4:25 P.M., FOX

at Seattle Seahawks

This is the second game in the toughest four-week stretch of the season. In November, the Commanders have two road games against tough teams — one of which is a six-hour flight away — and then two divisional games, including the second on the road on a short week. Spirited septuagenarian Pete Carroll and born-again quarterback Geno Smith lead the Seahawks. The defense includes cornerback Devon Witherspoon, whom the Commanders liked in the draft before he was selected fifth.

11

NOV. 19 1 P.M., FOX

vs. New York Giants

Last year in Week 15, the Commanders needed a win over the Giants to all but seal a trip to the playoffs. Instead, the offense melted down and scored just 12 points in a loss that hastened the season's demise. Washington will probably need to capitalize on its weakest division rival at home if it's going to push for a postseason spot this year.

12

NOV. 23 4:30 P.M., CBS

at Dallas Cowboys

The last time the Commanders played on Thanksgiving at Jerry World, in 2020, Washington earned the most lopsided win of Rivera's tenure with a 41-16 thumping that included running back Antonio Gibson waving goodbye to a defender on the way to one of his three touchdowns. The Cowboys' defensive front could be a matchup nightmare for the Commanders' budget offensive line.

13

DEC. 3 1 P.M., FOX

vs. Miami Dolphins

The team, like the animal it reps, is flashy and fast. Miami Coach Mike McDaniel orchestrates a high-octane offense led by quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and elite wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle. In the offseason, the Dolphins also landed defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, the most in-demand coach on the market. Star cornerback Jalen Ramsey went down early in camp with a knee injury but could be back by this matchup.

14

Bye

15

DEC. 17 4:05 P.M., CBS

at Los Angeles Rams

Though the Rams still have stars left from their Super Bowl win — quarterback Matthew Stafford, wide receiver Cooper Kupp and defensive tackle Aaron Donald — the team is paying the price for going all-in. The Rams started to tear down the roster in the offseason by trading Ramsey and are now expected to be one of the league's worst teams. Coach Sean McVay has in the past strongly considered leaving NFL coaching for TV broadcasting, and Stafford's wife, Kelly, recently said the influx of youth on the Rams has made it hard for her husband to connect with his teammates.

16

DEC. 24 1 P.M., CBS

at New York Jets

New decade, same story. The Jets are the darlings of the NFL after acquiring a gray-bearded former Green Bay Packers franchise quarterback. Aaron Rodgers hopes to do New York better than Brett Favre did; in 2008, Favre threw 22 touchdown passes with a league-leading 22 interceptions as the Jets finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs. Rodgers historically has shredded Washington — he has 16 touchdown passes to one interception — and he should quickly settle into the offense led by new coordinator Nathaniel Hackett, who coached him in Green Bay.

17

DEC. 31 1 P.M., FOX

vs. San Francisco 49ers

San Francisco Coach Kyle Shanahan is one of the many young, talented coaches Washington let get away in the past decade. In last year's matchup, he twisted the knife by getting into heavy personnel packages and shredding Washington through the air and on the ground. The big questions for the 49ers are at quarterback (Can Brock Purdy continue the magical run he began last year?) and on defense (Can the unit keep it up after replacing its coordinator for the second time in three years?).

18

DATE, TIME AND TV TBA

vs. Dallas Cowboys

The NFL loves scheduling Dallas at Washington late in the season. For the second year in a row, the NFL left the day and time "TBD," in case the historical rivals are battling for playoff positioning and it can put them in prime time.

NFL PREVIEW

Roster has some certainty, lots of potential

BY NICKI JHABVALA

During the NFL meetings in March, Coach Ron Rivera said that, in his fourth offseason as head coach of the Commanders, the team was "roster building for the first time" because it had a quarterback it felt confident could become a centerpiece. ¶ Washington has pinned its future (for now) on Sam Howell, a fifth-round pick in 2022 who started one game as a rookie. Rivera tabbed the 22-year-old as the starter in January and set up the offseason and training camp so the job was his to lose. ¶ In keeping the quarterback room relatively cheap, Rivera reasoned that the Commanders had money to burn elsewhere. And they did burn it — sort of. They re-signed veteran defensive tackle Daron Payne to a four-year, $90 million contract. But elsewhere on the roster, the team was fairly conservative, signing second-tier veterans such as Nick Gates and Andrew Wylie to the offensive line, Cody Barton at linebacker and Byron Pringle at wide receiver. ¶ Washington's initial 53-man roster was built primarily with the draft picks of the current regime and the previous one. (All six of Washington's Pro Bowl selections last season were drafted or signed before Rivera arrived.) It is founded mostly on potential, with a deep wide receiving corps and a deep and versatile secondary. The starting defensive line is loaded with first-round picks, and the tight end group, health permitting, has a chance to be dynamic in Eric Bieniemy's offense. Here is how the roster appeared as of Sunday:

QB

Quarterback (2)

Sam Howell, Jacoby Brissett

This was always the most likely scenario. Howell impressed in last season's finale against Dallas and showed consistent improvement throughout the offseason to keep a lock on the starting job. The biggest question is whether he can grow and become the guy at quarterback, ending a years-long carousel in Washington.

Unlike last year, the team is keeping two quarterbacks on its Week 1 roster. Jake Fromm was added to the practice squad and can be elevated for up to two games and not count against the team's game day active roster.

RB

Running back (3)

Brian Robinson Jr., Antonio Gibson, Chris Rodriguez Jr.

In Bieniemy's system, Washington's backs will be used more in the passing game, catching balls out of the backfield and picking up blitzes and blocking. The role suits Gibson, who converted from wide receiver, and throughout camp, Robinson showed his ability to adapt. All three backs have a mix of power and finesse and should still create trouble in the run game — if the offensive line can hold up.

WR

Wide receiver (7)

Terry McLaurin, Jahan Dotson, Curtis Samuel, Dyami Brown, Byron Pringle, Dax Milne, Mitchell Tinsley

Washington's core four — McLaurin, Dotson, Samuel and Brown — were a lock from the start of camp, although McLaurin's status for the beginning of the season remains unknown because of the turf toe he suffered in the preseason.

Pringle, who signed in late July, played for Bieniemy for four seasons in Kansas City and flashed enough talent to warrant a spot. The team retained Milne mostly for his ability as a returner. And Tinsley, an undrafted wide receiver out of Penn State, earned his way onto the roster with his play in the preseason. He still needs to develop, and his contributions on special teams will be paramount to earning playing time. But his route-running and pass-catching ability offer plenty of intrigue and could get him time on offense.

TE

Tight end (4)

Logan Thomas, John Bates, Cole Turner, Curtis Hodges

Last season, 13 individual tight ends had more receiving yards than the Commanders' tight ends had collectively (518). The position is featured heavily in Bieniemy's offense, so their production this year should look significantly different. But the key for this group is and always has been health. Armani Rogers will miss the season after tearing his Achilles' tendon in the spring, and Thomas dealt with a calf injury for much of camp, creating some doubt that he will be able to stay available for the full season.

Thomas remains the most complete tight end of the group and the biggest threat to an opposing defense with his physicality at the catch point and overall knowledge of the offense. (It helps that he's a former quarterback.) But Bates has become more of a factor in the pass game, and the team hopes Turner will develop into a more physical pass-catcher and consistent blocker.

OL

Offensive line (10)

Charles Leno Jr., Saahdiq Charles, Nick Gates, Sam Cosmi, Andrew Wylie, Chris Paul, Cornelius Lucas, Tyler Larsen, Ricky Stromberg, Trent Scott

The Commanders remade the interior of their O-line by signing Gates, elevating Charles and moving Cosmi inside from tackle. They also signed Wylie, who played previously with the Chiefs, to take over at right tackle. The early going of camp offered little optimism the new starting group or its backups had the talent or depth to not hinder the offense. But it improved throughout the preseason.

The team re-signed Larsen a day after cutting him to form the initial 53. He gives Washington three centers, a priority after injuries ravaged the position the past couple of years. Lucas and Scott add additional veteran presence to spell Leno and Wylie. Stromberg, a center who trained at guard in the preseason, offers versatility inside, but he lacks pro experience.

DL

Defensive line (10)

Chase Young, Montez Sweat, Jonathan Allen, Daron Payne, John Ridgeway, Andre Jones, K.J. Henry, James Smith-Williams, Casey Toohill, Anderson Abdullah

It's still not certain when the starting linemen will finally get to play together again. Young is dealing with a stinger he suffered in the preseason, and Allen dealt with plantar fasciitis in camp. Whenever it's healthy enough to play, the group, on paper, is one of the more formidable in the league, and the competition at defensive end could motivate Sweat and Young to play to their potentials.

The line has depth, too, especially with the return of Ridgeway, and it will get deeper when Phidarian Mathis (calf) and Efe Obada (patella) return from injured reserve. Both will miss a minimum of four games. The emergence of Jones as a pass-rusher bears watching. So do Smith-Williams and Toohill, backups who spelled Young last year but could be used differently this year.

LB

Linebacker (4)

Jamin Davis, Cody Barton, David Mayo, Khaleke Hudson

The linebackers generally have been Washington's weakest link over the past few seasons. The Commanders let Cole Holcomb sign with the Steelers in free agency and replaced him with Barton, who has one year of starting experience on defense; he was primarily a special-teamer the past four seasons in Seattle.

Washington has adjusted its defense over the years to account for a lack of talent at the position and to better counter pass-happy offenses, using a match-zone scheme and a collection of defensive backs who can play multiple positions. The team's best linebacker is really safety Kam Curl, who dropped down in the box often last year.

The ceiling for this group depends on Davis, a 2021 first-rounder who struggled for much of the past two seasons but started to show growth at the end of 2022.

CB

Cornerback (5)

Kendall Fuller, Emmanuel Forbes, Benjamin St-Juste, Danny Johnson, Christian Holmes

Brent Vieselmeyer, the Commanders' defensive backs coach, said he has never worked with a group this deep on players who can play multiple spots. Position flexibility has become the hallmark of Washington's secondary, and it starts with its corners. Fuller can play inside and outside, but he has been his most productive in recent years outside. Forbes, taken 16th in the 2023 draft, was a ballhawk throughout camp, quashing any doubts about his slender frame. St-Juste is the team's top slot corner — a position deemed a starter in this defense — but he can shift outside, drop to the box and be used on blitzes. Johnson and Holmes round out the group; they're both versatile and familiar with the scheme.

S

Safety (5)

Kam Curl, Darrick Forrest, Percy Butler, Jeremy Reaves, Quan Martin

If the defensive line is the crux of the defense, the safety corps is a close second. Curl, a 2020 seventh-round pick, has developed into one of the team's top players and a do-it-all defensive back who can play almost anywhere: in the post, at strong safety, at big nickel, in the slot, at linebacker and even on the line. Forrest, a 2021 fifth-rounder, is Washington's thumper at safety and also has the cover skills to chase down wideouts for deflections. Butler has a year of experience in coordinator Jack Del Rio's system; he and Reaves give Washington plenty of depth as Martin gets more comfortable.

ST

Special teams (3)

Punter/holder: Tress Way

Kicker: Joey Slye

Long snapper: Camaron Cheeseman

The most consistent unit on the Commanders' roster remains intact, despite a kicking competition in camp and a couple temporary punters who spelled Way while he experienced lower back tightness in the preseason.

The kicking operation raised a few concerns during the summer — multiple snaps were low or botched — but they dissipated in the preseason. With a more efficient Slye (25 of 30 on field goals last season), Washington's specialists have a chance to be the team's most reliable unit this season.



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Five things Harris must do in Year 1

Snyder is finally out of the picture, and his replacement has one shot at a first impression. Here's how he can nail it.



Barry Svrluga

Josh Harris has not asked for my advice about how he should run the Washington Commanders. He's going to get it anyway.

There is no aspect of Washington's upcoming NFL season more important than the it's-still-jaw-dropping reality that Daniel Snyder is no longer the owner and Harris is. Not the new quarterback. Not the new play caller. Not the old head coach. None of it is close.

Even if all of those characters prove themselves worthy, they'll almost certainly be gone in a decade. Harris will remain. You get one chance to make a first impression, Josh. The 2023 season is yours. All of this is said with a firm handshake and a pat on the back of encouragement. You take it from here.

1. Listen, learn, and articulate specifics

Snyder's arrogance and tone-deafness were apparent early in his tenure. Charging fans $10 to attend training camp and $10 to park when those experiences were free across the league gave the feeling that the owner was trying to bilk the fans out of every penny and set an early tenor of mistrust.

Simply by *not* being Snyder, Harris has some level of trust. But he could further that by committing to hearing fans out on what they like and don't like about . . . well, anything about the franchise. That could be on uniforms or parking. It could be on concessions or concerts. One thing it can't be on: football.

This should be easy, but it can't be left unsaid: Given that Snyder began picking players early in his tenure (Jeff George, Bruce Smith, etc.) and never really stopped (Donovan McNabb, Dwayne Haskins, etc.), Harris needs to say he will leave the football decisions to the football people. And he must carry that out in practice.

This franchise has seemed directionless for most of this century. The new leader would do well to explain how he'll do things, then melt into the background.

2. Get a stadium deal done

Snyder didn't build FedEx Field, but his reign of error is closely associated with it. It stinks, and everyone knows it.

So this is obvious. The three most important elements holding this franchise back, for years, have been the nefarious owner, the baked-in uncertainty at quarterback and the awful stadium. Harris has solved the ownership problem, and point No. 1 clearly articulates we want him nowhere near the quarterback decision. But the stadium has to be a priority.

In this process, he should present himself as a partner with the jurisdiction he ultimately chooses. That means not only developing a facility that ranks among the best in the sport but making sure he's not just going to go with whichever among the District, Maryland and Virginia he can most readily fleece. Committing his own funds would reinforce the idea that he's doing this with and for the community, not merely to make money off it.

3. Invest in the fan experience

This is most obvious at FedEx Field, because that is the source of so much ire and so many bad memories. But it's a problem that is more all-encompassing, one that should be dealt with swiftly and directly.

Start with the stadium. If there haven't been inspectors in there every day between the last preseason game and Sunday's opener against Arizona, then something's wrong. What are the chances a pipe could burst and flood fans with sewer water? The answer has to be: zero. What percentage of the beers meet their freshness date? The answer has to be: 100. For this franchise, eliminating obvious embarrassments would mean progress.

But more than that, Harris should be creative. Would knocking $5 to $10 off parking materially limit the franchise's revenue? Probably not. Would it be noticed by the fan base? Absolutely. It's a one-mile walk from the Morgan Boulevard Metro stop to the nearest gate at FedEx. Could there be free, prompt and efficient shuttles?

What does outreach into the community away from the stadium look like? Snyder suffered from his reluctance to speak publicly and his stumbling when he did. Harris could earn loyalty by explaining that he understands what the fan base has endured not just in the win-loss record but off the field — and that he will fix it.

4. Hire someone for all football decisions

Ron Rivera will determine his own fate as head coach: Either the 2023 season will be a success — making the playoffs and maybe even winning a game — or it won't be. The coach either will earn a contract extension or will be shown the door with a year left on his original deal.

But even if Rivera impresses his new boss to the extent he sticks around — not a bet I'd be taking to Vegas — the structure of the football operation has to change. Snyder decided he liked a "coach-centric" model because he thought it worked in New England and Kansas City. He plucked Rivera as a veteran coach who happened to be available, then wedged him into a personnel role that he had never performed. Weird process. No wonder it has led to (thus far) decidedly mediocre results.

That has to change. Even if Rivera is overseeing game-planning and the locker room, he can no longer have final say on the roster. That has to go to a progressive, modern football professional who doesn't have to worry about assistant coaches and offensive schemes. The current model, which includes General Manager Martin Mayhew and executive vice president Marty Hurney, has not yet been a success. This will remain a collaborative process, of course. But it needs a singular voice on top — who isn't the head coach.

5. Deal with the name

This is not a priority for me. I was on the record as preferring to keep "Washington Football Team," and I don't mind "Commanders." But it would be foolish to deny that a significant segment of the fan base seems to dislike the current moniker.

To be clear, the Commanders are not going back to the old name, so drop that. But it's on Harris to articulate what he thinks of the new one and to say — soon — whether he would consider switching it in the near term or in the future. Beyond that, he would have to lay out a process that was different from the last — one that felt more inclusive to fans.

Or he could just say: "We're the Commanders, we're proud to be the Commanders, and we're not changing it." But failing to say anything decisive amounts to a tease. Either changing the name again is on the table, or it isn't. Tell us which one.

That's a start. We know this is a work in progress and not everything can be fixed on the first day or in the first season. But Josh, we also hope you're listening. Owning your hometown football team is, to be sure, owning a business. You're welcome to make money. But it's also a civic entity. Embrace that aspect of your $6 billion purchase, and you'll be embraced right back.



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Among the quandaries facing new Commanders owner Josh Harris are the team's continued search for a new stadium to replace aging FedEx Field, top, and the future of Coach Ron Rivera, above, who has one year left on his deal after 2023.

NFL PREVIEW



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A few crazy takes on what could be

Here are five mostly unserious but still plausible predictions for these Commanders after an offseason of massive change

BY SCOTT ALLEN

It's the dawn of a new era for Washington's NFL franchise. Daniel Snyder is no longer in charge, which for at least a portion of the fan base makes the 2023 season an unqualified success before it even begins. It's not too much to wish for an exciting team *and* an owner who doesn't bring constant shame to the Burgundy and Gold, and with that in mind, it's time for five preposterously positive predictions for the season ahead.

As a reminder, these are a degree more ridiculous than your typical bold predictions, and though rooted in facts and analysis, they're supposed to be more fun than serious. In the spirit of tradition, here are five things that the Commanders probably won't (but maybe will!) accomplish this season:

1. Sam Howell will make the Pro Bowl.

Why it's preposterous: After starting one game as a rookie last season, Washington's fifth-round pick in the 2022 draft has been forced to learn a complex new system under first-year offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy. Howell will operate behind a new-look offensive line that underwhelmed during the preseason and ranks 27th in the league, according to Pro Football Focus. The last Washington quarterback to make the Pro Bowl was Kirk Cousins after the 2016 season, his fifth as a pro.

Why it could happen: Howell played well in Washington's 2022 regular season finale, completing 11 of 19 passes for 169 yards and a touchdown. He also became the franchise's first rookie quarterback to run and pass for a score in the same game since Robert Griffin III did in 2012. Howell impressed during training camp and in two preseason games, exhibiting a strong command of the offense along with improved footwork and decision-making that should enable him to make better use of his rocket arm.

Also, the Pro Bowl selection process is weird. Last season, Baltimore Ravens backup Tyler Huntley was voted the AFC's fourth alternate and ultimately made the roster, despite ranking 48th in passing yards and passing touchdowns during the regular season.

2. Week 1 will end the shutout drought.

Why it's preposterous: Predicting anything about Week 1 is a recipe for disaster, but I'm prepared for one of these predictions to be proved wrong before halftime of the season opener. For those unaware, Washington's defense has gone an NFL record 509 regular season games without a shutout — since Sept. 30, 1991, when it recorded the third of three shutouts in a month en route to the franchise's third Super Bowl title. According to Pro Football Reference, there have been 226 regular season shutouts since then, including a combined 16 by the other three teams in the current NFC East. The Jacksonville Jaguars and Carolina Panthers, who entered the league in 1995, have blanked opponents eight and seven times. There's even a social media account — @Commanders0 — dedicated to tracking Washington's streak. The NFL's last Week 1 shutout was in 2017.

Why it could happen: The Cardinals, Washington's Week 1 opponent, aren't exactly an offensive juggernaut. After averaging 20 points per game last season, they released star wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins in May and will be without quarterback Kyler Murray, who is working his way back from the torn ACL he suffered in December.

Washington took a 21-0 lead into the fourth quarter of an eventual 24-6 win over the Cardinals in the 2018 season opener in Arizona, which qualifies as one of its few close calls since the streak began. With Josh Harris in charge, the vibes in Landover are immaculate. The Commanders ended the Baltimore Ravens' NFL record 24-game preseason winning streak last month, and it says here that another historic streak gets snapped Sept. 10.

3. The offense will be top 10 in scoring.

Why it's preposterous: Washington ranked 24th in scoring last year after finishing 25th in Coach Ron Rivera's first season and 23rd in his second. The last time the team boasted a top-10 scoring offense was 2015, when it averaged 24.3 points per game. It wouldn't be surprising if Howell has some growing pains in his first year as the starter.

Why it could happen: Last year, with a new offensive coordinator, the Jacksonville Jaguars finished 10th in scoring (23.8 points per game) after averaging an NFL-worst 14.9 points per game the season before. Though Howell's continued development and the offensive line's performance are key, Washington's offense has no shortage of playmakers. Terry McLaurin, Jahan Dotson and Curtis Samuel lead one of the more dynamic group of wide receivers in the NFC, and Brian Robinson Jr. and Antonio Gibson provide a one-two punch with different skill sets at running back. The defense remains the team's strength and could regularly set up Howell and Co. with good field position. Speaking of . . .

4. Emmanuel Forbes will get seven picks.

Why it's preposterous: The Commanders' post-merger rookie record for interceptions was set by Tom Carter in 1993, when he picked off six passes in 14 games and finished second to Dana Stubblefield in defensive rookie of the year voting. Since then, only 11 rookies across the league have registered at least six interceptions, led by Cleveland Browns fourth-round pick Anthony Henry's 10 in 2001. Washington's Champ Bailey and Fred Smoot had five interceptions apiece as rookies in 1999 and 2001, respectively. Over the past decade, first-round corners with a minimum of 700 snaps averaged 2.2 interceptions, according to TruMedia.

Why it could happen: Forbes, the 16th pick in this year's draft, is the ultimate ballhawk and a welcome addition to a defense that ranked 26th in takeaways last season. In three years at Mississippi State, Forbes intercepted 14 passes and returned six of them for scores, which is a Football Bowl Subdivision record. Forbes didn't have an interception during the preseason, but he was a training camp standout with lofty goals. "I hold myself to high expectations," he said. "Defensive rookie of the year, leading [the league] in interceptions, things like that." For those curious, former LSU standout Dan Sandifer set the Washington rookie mark with 13 interceptions in 12 games in 1948.

5. Washington will win six home games.

Why it's preposterous: When you've been making preposterously positive predictions about the local football team for as long as I have, it's darn near impossible not to reuse certain benchmarks. In 2017, I predicted Washington would go at least 7-1 at home after ESPN's Bill Barnwell published a study that found the Burgundy and Gold might have the worst home-field advantage in the NFL. Jay Gruden's squad finished a respectable 5-3 at FedEx Field that year. Since then, Washington is 14-27 in Landover, including a 1-7 record in 2019. The team hasn't won at least seven home games since the 1991 season at RFK Stadium. It won't be easy to reach that number this year, as the non-divisional portion of Washington's eight-game home slate features matchups with the Bills, Dolphins and 49ers.

Why it could happen: If the crowds at training camp and for a pair of preseason home games are any indication, the Commanders might have a legitimate home-field advantage for the first time in ages. The 49ers and Cowboys might not have much to play for in Weeks 17 and 18, making those two games, which would appear to be mismatches on paper, much more winnable.



Second-year quarterback Sam Howell, top, played well in Washington's 2022 finale, his only career start. Rookie cornerback Emmanuel Forbes, above, had 14 interceptions and returned six of them for scores in three years in college.



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Is the underrating of McLaurin over?

After four productive seasons, the Commanders wide receiver is finally starting to be ranked among the elite at his position

BY SAM FORTIER

The first time anyone called Terry McLaurin underrated, at least on the vast ledger of the internet, was Feb. 6, 2014. That day, the Ohio State beat writers at the Columbus Dispatch reviewed a new class of football signees. By position ranking, the recruiting services generally regarded the late bloomer from Indianapolis as roughly the 17th-best prospect out of 23. The class was loaded with more highly touted recruits, including future NFL players Raekwon McMillan, Marshon Lattimore, Malik Hooker, Parris Campbell and Curtis Samuel.

The beat writers seemed to sense McLaurin's résumé was comparatively disappointing. Scout.com ranked him as the No. 43 wide receiver, ESPN had him at No. 61, and Rivals.com put him at No. 46. "But [he] is considered to be underrated by some analysts," the Dispatch story read.

Nearly a decade later, "Underrated" has effectively replaced Leon as McLaurin's middle name. Several factors — including his humble demeanor, third-round draft status and consistent production despite a carousel of uninspiring quarterbacks — seem to have magnetized the word to the Washington Commanders wide receiver. If McLaurin's name comes up in articles or on talk shows or in casual conversation, it feels almost inevitable someone will point out there's a gap between his talent and the appreciation for it. In April 2022, the night of the first round of that year's NFL draft, wide receiver Jahan Dotson said he was looking forward to meeting McLaurin, "one of the most underrated receivers in the league." In fact, McLaurin being underrated is one point that unites the data nerds and the retired Hall of Famers.

The people who market McLaurin have leaned in. In January, his agency, EMG Sports, cut a promotional video with audio clips of TV talking heads making statements such as, "Terry McLaurin may be the most underrated player in the league," and "If this guy was playing in L.A. or Dallas or New York, he'd be a superstar."

But in the last year or so, things have started to change. Gobs of evidence — anecdotal, statistical, testimonial, contractual — suggest McLaurin's profile is ascending. No analysts are arguing that he is the league's best wideout, that he is better than Minnesota's Justin Jefferson or Miami's Tyreek Hill, but they now regularly rank him in the top 10.

In other words: McLaurin now seems properly rated as very good.

But does that matter? Does recognition mean anything except more followers on social media and juicier endorsement checks? Fame itself didn't help Odell Beckham Jr. and DK Metcalf become better wide receivers. It has never counted for a catch or a yard or a touchdown.

"Underrated, overrated . . . it doesn't really matter," said Samuel, now a Commanders wideout and a close friend of McLaurin's. "It's just about you going out there and doing your job."

There is a long history of elite athletes collecting (or inventing) slights for motivation. Coaches foster foils even when they're flagrant fantasies. In January, after Georgia won the college football national championship, a player falsely claimed an anonymous, insidious "they" had projected the juggernaut Bulldogs to finish 7-5.

Writer Bryan Curtis once chronicled this psychological phenomena in an article headlined "The Doubters are Running up the Score." So many elite athletes say they're motivated by doubters, Curtis argued, that it's jarring when one says he's not. Before becoming the top pick of the 2021 draft, quarterback Trevor Lawrence told Sports Illustrated that he didn't have a "huge chip" on his shoulder and that he found hater motivation "unhealthy to a certain extent, just always thinking that you've got to prove somebody wrong."

Swiftly, severely, fans and analysts questioned whether Lawrence cared enough about his craft to lead a franchise. Lawrence eventually clarified his comments, saying, "I am internally motivated."

It's difficult to say whether McLaurin cares about the "underrated" label or even has noticed the recent shift. He was unavailable for comment as he rehabs an injured toe. But there are reasons to think he doesn't care. He always has deflected credited and downplayed personal goals or accomplishments. Samuel, who was McLaurin's roommate at Ohio State, said McLaurin doesn't bemoan slights; "that's not really Terry."

"He definitely don't care," Samuel said. "But people got to have something to talk about."

There are also reasons to believe he does care: McLaurin is competitive and human. He has devoted most of his life to becoming the best wideout he can be.

"I'm already one of the top receivers in this league," McLaurin told NFL Network in 2021. "I wouldn't say I'm No. 1 yet, but I'm definitely working to try to be the best."

"The reality is we all got a little ego inside of us, and he does want to be all that he can be," said Rick Streiff, McLaurin's high school coach. "Terry has a lot of internal motivation. But if you can throw a little something on the outside, like, all right, [he'll take it]. He's probably got [all the underrated comments] written down someplace."

It's possible McLaurin *likes* being underrated. He identifies deeply with his hometown of Indianapolis, which he has, in so many words, called underrated. He sees a city full of "people who are that underdog story. I mean, you may not be from one of these big states, but . . . you pick your lunch pail up, you go to work, you grind."

Before McLaurin left Indianapolis, he was labeled as a late bloomer. Streiff remembered him as a tiny freshman, maybe 5-foot-5 and 145 pounds — but everyone knew when McLaurin's body caught up to his speed, he would be a problem. It wasn't until his recruitment at Ohio State that Streiff ever heard McLaurin described as underrated.

The first time (and one of the only times) anyone suggested McLaurin was actually *overrated* came after his solid-if-unspectacular college career. He had a good senior year — 35 catches, 701 yards, 11 touchdowns — and crushed the pre-draft circuit. Analysts moved him up their boards. Scouts wondered whether he could do more than special teams.

Five weeks before the 2019 draft, Cleveland.com reporter Doug Lesmerises wrote that McLaurin being picked "in the second or third round seems high."

"I wonder if the formerly underrated receiver is now going the other way," he added.

Washington picked McLaurin in the third round, and over the next four years, his play repeatedly made the case that every team, including his own, had underrated him.

Last summer, things really started to change. McLaurin signed a three-year, $69.6 million deal that made him, by average annual value, the eighth-highest-paid wide receiver in the NFL. He finished the 2022 season with 77 catches and a career-high 1,191 receiving yards, the 10th most in the NFL. He was one of four NFC wideouts initially selected to the Pro Bowl.

This summer, McLaurin debuted in the NFL top 100, voted on by his peers, at No. 94. "Madden NFL 24" rated him 92, the eighth-best wide receiver in the game. In an ESPN survey, a group of coaches, executives and scouts ranked him ninth. Pro Football Focus's preseason rankings had him eighth. One NFL.com analyst argued McLaurin was even underrated in fantasy football.

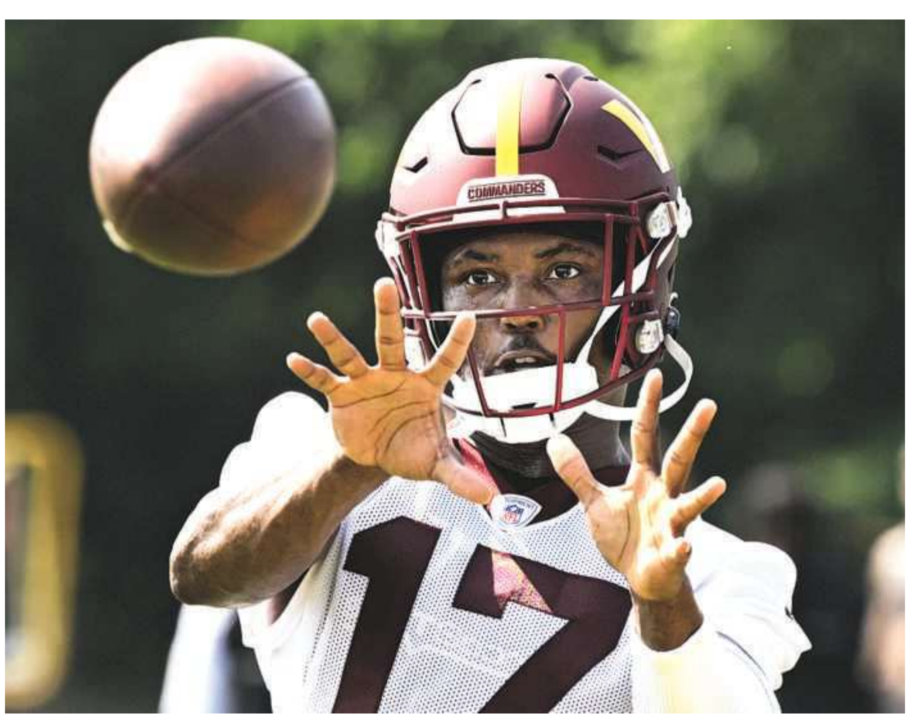
In training camp, Commanders offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy questioned whether the premise was ever true at all.

"I don't know when Terry has ever been underrated," he said. "[Kansas City] loved him coming out. We did a lot of work watching him. . . . There's no hidden secret, and there's no surprise to his mental ability, his physical capabilities. I just love the person. I love the role model, and I love the leader, and I love the things that he brings to this organization and to our locker room."

McLaurin may have reached equilibrium. Talent and recognition might finally match. But it doesn't seem to matter, because for many people, it seems impossible to separate from McLaurin from his label.

This summer, NFL Network's "Good Morning Football" put McLaurin on its all-underrated offense. NFL player-turned-podcaster Ryan Clark promoted an interview with "the extremely underrated Terry McLaurin." The podcast "Reception Perception" began an episode about the most underrated wide receivers in the NFL with a lengthy discussion about McLaurin.

"I don't think the general population sees him as a fringe top-10 receiver," one of the hosts said, nudging forward a notion that may very well stick with McLaurin forever.



After signing a $69.6 million contract last offseason, Terry McLaurin finished with 77 catches and a career-high 1,191 receiving yards, earning a Pro Bowl nod. Analysts now regularly rank him among the top 10 wide receivers in the game.



Inside the NFL owners' box

These are the men and women behind the league's 32 franchises

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One of the world's most exclusive clubs

From family dynasties to self-starters, here's a rundown of who owns NFL teams, plus their quirks and other interests

Story by Lee Powell
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Behind the nation's most popular game is an exclusive club. Joining now takes billions of dollars and the approval of most of its members. The 32 teams of the NFL come with rabid fans, superstar players and endless Monday-morning quarterbacking.

Owning an NFL team means you can hoist the Vince Lombardi Trophy if you win a Super Bowl — or get dragged by fans if you go years without one. But win or lose, you'll always make money. A big chunk of your revenue is already baked in, mostly from lucrative broadcast rights split among all teams. You can squeeze some more in your pocket from ticket sales and sponsorship deals.

An NFL team is the ultimate collectible item — "more satisfying than the most expensive sports car or wristwatch you can imagine," said Michael MacCambridge, author of "America's Game: The Epic Story of How Pro Football Captured a Nation."

With the recent sale of the Washington Commanders (for $6.05 billion, setting a record for a sports franchise), there's going to be a new squad in one owner's box. Here's a breakdown of who's who across the league:

For some owners, football *is* the family business. Four teams have been under the same ownership since the league's birth in 1920, or close to it.

George Halas was part of the group of men who established the foundations of the NFL in an automotive showroom in Canton, Ohio. Known as "Papa Bear," Halas played for the Chicago Bears for 10 years and coached them for 40, introducing daily practices and radio broadcasts of the game. When he died in 1983, the team went to his eldest daughter: Virginia Halas McCaskey.

Tim Mara, a bookmaker, invested $500 in the New York Giants in 1925. But in 1930, he split ownership between his sons, 14-year-old Wellington and 22-year-old Jack, so he wouldn't lose the team in the Great Depression. Grandson John Mara is now a co-owner. After the Bears, the Giants have the next-longest family ownership in the league.

Charles Bidwill, a wealthy lawyer who had ties to Al Capone, was part owner of the Bears until he bought the rival Chicago Cardinals in 1933. The team moved to St. Louis and then Arizona. His grandson Michael Bidwill is now the owner.

In 1933, Art Rooney invested in a team that would eventually become the Pittsburgh Steelers with money he reportedly won at a racetrack. Like the Giants, the team is now on its third generation of family owners, with Art Rooney II at the helm.

Some have become owners after the death of a parent, sibling or spouse. The Hunts became one of America's wealthiest families thanks to H.L. Hunt, who struck it rich in the 1930s when he invested in an East Texas oil field. In 1960, his son Lamar Hunt parlayed that wealth into founding what would become the Kansas City Chiefs. After Hunt died in 2006, ownership of the team was transferred to his wife and children. His eldest son, Clark Hunt, is the team's current CEO.

Bud Adams started the Houston Oilers in 1960 with fortunes flowing from the petroleum business. The team moved to Tennessee in 1997 and was eventually renamed the Titans. Amy Adams Strunk gained controlling ownership in 2015 following her father's death in 2013.

William Clay Ford, who was the last surviving grandchild of automotive giant Henry Ford, scooped up the Detroit Lions for $6 million in 1963. After he died in 2014, team ownership was passed to his wife, Martha Firestone Ford, who later passed it to her second-oldest daughter, Sheila Ford Hamp.

Paul Brown co-founded and coached a team named after him: the Cleveland Browns. Later, he led a group that founded the Cincinnati Bengals. Starting in 1968, the Bengals' debut season, through 1975, he served as the team's coach. His son Mike Brown took over the Bengals when he died in 1991.

Al Davis — known for his quip "Just win, baby!" — was first a coach, then the owner of the Oakland Raiders. The team flipped between Oakland and Los Angeles before landing in Las Vegas. When Davis died in 2011, his wife, Carol, and son Mark inherited the team.

Bob Irsay made his money in heating and air conditioning, acquiring the Baltimore Colts in 1972. He was heavily criticized in 1984 when he moved the Colts to Indianapolis under the cover of darkness. His son, Jim Irsay, assumed ownership when he died in 1997.

Tom Benson spun profits from car dealerships into buying the New Orleans Saints in 1985. When he died in 2018, his wife, Gayle Benson, took on the team, along with the city's NBA franchise.

Malcolm Glazer had a variety of investments and businesses, from shopping centers to food packing and supplies. He bought the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1995. When Glazer died in 2014, team management went to three of his sons: Bryan, Joel and Edward Glazer.

Paul Allen formed Microsoft with Bill Gates in 1975. When Allen died in 2018, his Seattle Seahawks went to a family trust overseen by his sister, Jody Allen. He had owned the team since 1997.

Bob McNair brought football back to Houston when the NFL added the Houston Texans, who started playing in 2002. McNair made his fortune after selling his energy company to Enron for $1.5 billion in 1999. When he died in 2018, his wife, Janice McNair, inherited control.

Steve Tisch inherited co-ownership of the Giants when his father died in 2005. The Tisch family bought into the Giants in 1991 after decades of sole ownership by the Maras.

Some used the wealth of their families to seed the purchase of their teams. Jeffrey Lurie's grandfather founded the General Cinema theater chain. In addition to owning the Philadelphia Eagles, whom he bought in 1994, Lurie is an Oscar-winning film producer.

The DeBartolos of the San Francisco 49ers, the Spanos family of the Los Angeles Chargers and the Wilfs of the Minnesota Vikings found their fortunes in real estate. The DeBartolos developed shopping malls starting in the 1950s and bought the team in 1977. The Spanoses built apartments starting in the 1960s, purchasing the then-San Diego Chargers in 1984. The Wilfs have a broad portfolio that includes homes, apartment complexes and commercial space. They bought the Vikings in 2005.

The Johnson brothers — heirs to Johnson & Johnson, the pharmaceutical brand — run the New York Jets. Woody Johnson purchased the team in 2000 for $635 million.

Jimmy Haslam's father founded Pilot in 1958. Now, Pilot Flying J is the largest truck stop chain in the United States. Haslam is chairman and owns the Browns with his wife, Dee. They have had the team since 2012.

Then there's the imprint of Walmart and the Walton family: Heirs to that fortune have ownership in the Denver Broncos (since 2022) and the Los Angeles Rams. Rams owner Stan Kroenke (who took full control of the team in 2010, while it was the St. Louis Rams) is married to a Walmart heiress.

Others are self-made. NFL ownership is not all about family money. There are proverbial rags-to-riches stories here, along with humble beginnings and start-up windups, where the business got big.

Shahid Khan went to the University of Illinois from Pakistan in 1967 at 16 with $500 — his family's life savings. His first job in the United States was washing dishes for $1.20 an hour. He went on to buy and expand a maker of vehicle bumpers and other auto parts. He bought the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2011 for $760 million.

Steve Bisciotti started a staffing and recruiting company in the basement of an Annapolis townhouse with desks from Goodwill and a weekly salary of $100. He has had full ownership of the Baltimore Ravens since 2004.

After several failed ventures, which included trying to build a string of pizza parlors using money from the Teamsters union, Jerry Jones started a business in Arkansas doing oil and gas exploration. He bought the Dallas Cowboys in 1989 for $140 million.

Terry Pegula got a $7,500 loan from friends and family and started drilling for natural gas in the Northeast. The development of fracking as a drilling technique helped, and eventually those assets sold for billions. He met his second wife, Kim, at a restaurant where she was interviewing to be a waitress. She went on to work at Terry's energy company and now holds leadership roles in their sports and real estate holdings. They have owned the Buffalo Bills since 2014, paying a then-record $1.4 billion.

David Tepper went his own way: After being snubbed for a promotion to partner at Goldman Sachs, he left to start his own hedge fund. He bought the Carolina Panthers in 2018 for $2.2 billion.

And the list of founders continues: Arthur Blank (bought the Atlanta Falcons in 2002) co-founded the Home Depot in 1978 after being fired from a home improvement chain; Stephen Ross (bought a stake in the Miami Dolphins in 2008) started a real estate


Community-owned team
Green Bay Packers


Mark & Carol Davis
Las Vegas Raiders


Edward, Bryan & Joel Glazer
Tampa Bay Buccaneers


Woody & Christopher Johnson
New York Jets


Denise DeBartolo York & John York
San Francisco 49ers


Shahid Khan
Jacksonville Jaguars


Art Rooney II
Pittsburgh Steelers


Mike Brown
Cincinnati Bengals


John Mara & Steve Tisch
New York Giants


David Tepper
Carolina Panthers


Clark Hunt
Kansas City Chiefs


Dean Spanos
Los Angeles Chargers


Zygi Wilf
Minnesota Vikings


Terry & Kim Pegula
Buffalo Bills


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Jim Irsay
Indianapolis Colts


Stan Kroenke
Los Angeles Rams



Jones
Cowboys



Arthur Blank
Atlanta Falcons



Woody Johnson
New York Jets

development company that now includes skyscrapers and developments such as Hudson Yards in New York City and the Equinox fitness brand; Robert Kraft (bought the New England Patriots in 1994) began a paper and packaging company that grew to be a big exporter; and Josh Harris (who led the group that bought the Commanders in 2023) helped establish a private equity firm with investments or ownership in a range of brands such as the University of Phoenix, Yahoo and Sun Country Airlines.

Fans own one team. The Green Bay Packers are a nonprofit, community-owned team playing in the NFL's smallest market. They have 537,460 "owners," stockholders governed by a board of directors. This structure was devised to keep the team afloat starting in 1923. It staved off bankruptcy then and has kept the same ownership ever since.

Richest of the rich

These five owners have the highest net worth, according to Forbes:

1. Rob Walton, Broncos ($59.8 billion)
2. Jody Allen/Paul G. Allen Trust, Seahawks ($20.3 billion)
3. Tepper, Carolina Panthers ($18.5 billion)
4. Clark Hunt/Hunt family, Chiefs ($15.3 billion)
5. Jones, Cowboys ($13.6 billion)

"There are very few sort of sure things and golden tickets in American capitalism," said Mark Leibovich, author of "Big Game: The NFL in Dangerous Times." But having a team these days means "you're printing money," he added.

The skyrocketing values of teams means fewer individuals have wallets big enough to take a multibillion-dollar plunge. In fact, the past two teams to change hands went to ownership groups: the Walton-Penner group purchased the Broncos, and Harris's group got the Commanders. That's also one way to bring in different opinions and backgrounds to the table.

Skewing older

More than half of the owners are older than 70. The oldest, Virginia Halas McCaskey, is 100.

McCaskey is the matriarch of a team whose family ownership stretches to the NFL's origin. She grew up with the team: Her father was its founder and coach.

When the Bears turned 100, a Chicago television station asked McCaskey, then 96, if she took pride in being one of the first women of football.

"Pride is a word I try to avoid, because I'm in this position due to my inheritance. I haven't done anything to earn it," she said. "I still consider it a man's world. And I'm very grateful to be involved as much I am. I think it's a great privilege, and I have to make sure I don't disappoint."

The three youngest owners are approaching their mid-50s:

1. Edward Glazer, Buccaneers (53)
2. Greg Penner, Broncos (53)
3. Kim Pegula, Bills (54)

Married pairs

Three husband-wife duos present themselves as teams of equals. Terry and Kim Pegula have an energy and real estate empire. They also own a record label in Nashville and four other sports teams, including the NHL's Buffalo Sabres.

"Terry always comes up with the big ideas, but then after that he's out and he says, 'Okay, Kim, you finish it,' " Kim Pegula told the Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle in 2015. "We argue, and I say, 'He inspired it, and I brought it to fruition.' "

The Haslams had never worked together before buying the Browns. Her background: a television production executive. His: running a chain of truck stops and convenience stores.

"I'm the one who's more conservative and [says], 'Let's think about that before we do it.' Jimmy is more like, 'Fire, ready, aim,' " Dee Haslam said in a 2017 interview with a television station in Knoxville, Tenn., the Haslams' hometown.

Denise DeBartolo York worked with her father as he built a major real estate development business. Husband John York is a pathologist by training.

"As a team, we've really helped each other in a lot of ways," she said in a 2006 interview with the San Francisco Chronicle. "He's helped me be more focused and direct, because that's how he is when he gets involved with a project. And I've helped him to look at people in a different way and to have a more panoramic view of things."

No Black principals

The NFL has been criticized for its lack of Black principal owners. In a league where 58 percent of the players were Black in the 2022 season, diversity is lacking across all levels of leadership. Going into the 2023 season, three head coaches are Black. But there are some limited partners, including ex-players John Stallworth (Steelers) and Warrick Dunn (Falcons). Tennis champs Venus and Serena Williams bought in to the Dolphins.

Former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice and Mellody Hobson, a business executive and the wife of filmmaker George Lucas, are part of the Broncos' ownership group, along with British Formula One driver (and seven-time champion) Lewis Hamilton.

With the sale of the Commanders, NBA legend Magic Johnson now has an ownership stake, too.

Born outside the United States

Kim Pegula was an orphan in South Korea and never knew her biological parents. She was adopted by a family in New York State when she was 5 years old. Khan came to study industrial engineering at the University of Illinois. Wilf's parents were Holocaust survivors. He emigrated with his family from Europe in the 1950s. His father and uncle started buying property and building homes, which became a major real estate business.

Not limited to football

Some own other pro sports teams. Own an NFL team, and you're essentially in the entertainment business. So why just stop at football? There are lots of crossovers when it comes to marketing teams and moving tickets.

These owners either control teams outright or are part of ownership groups with other partners.

MLS: Tepper (Charlotte FC), Blank (Atlanta United), Kroenke (Colorado Rapids), Kraft (New England Revolution), Hunt (FC Dallas), Wilf (Orlando City SC), Dee and Jimmy Haslam (Columbus Crew).

English Premier League: Khan (Fulham); Edward, Bryan and Joel Glazer (Manchester United); Kroenke (Arsenal); Harris (Crystal Palace).

NHL: Terry and Kim Pegula (Buffalo Sabres), Harris (New Jersey Devils), Kroenke (Colorado Avalanche).

NBA: Jody Allen/Paul Allen Trust (Portland Trail Blazers), Gayle Benson (New Orleans Pelicans), Harris (Philadelphia 76ers), Dee and Jimmy Haslam (Milwaukee Bucks), Kroenke (Denver Nuggets).

WNBA: Mark Davis (Las Vegas Aces).

Non-sports pursuits

Among 32 teams, it's no surprise some folks have extracurricular activities.

Colts owner Jim Irsay may get the class prize for "most interesting": He collects rock-and-roll memorabilia such as iconic guitars and pieces of Americana such as racehorse Secretariat's saddle and Abraham Lincoln's pocket knife. Together, it's known as the Jim Irsay Collection, and it goes on tours with the Jim Irsay Band — in which Irsay sings and plays guitar. Irsay also tried to relocate and free an orca whale. But Lolita, also known as Tokitae or Toki, died before being moved.

Kroenke of the Rams is the fifth-largest landowner in the United States, owning about 1.62 million acres across Texas and Montana, according to a 2021 report by Land Report magazine. Kroenke also owns the largest ranch in Canada.

Blank of the Falcons is also in the land business, with ranches in Montana, including a dude ranch for paying guests. In addition to co-founding Home Depot, he also owns the PGA Tour Superstore, with some 60 locations around the country.

Jones of the Cowboys has a stake in a company that is involved in concessions and merchandising sales to other sports teams, including ones in the NFL. He has also leveraged the Cowboys brand, with a mammoth stadium used for other big events, a fan-friendly campus built around the team's practice facility and a golf resort.

Woody Johnson, who owns the Jets with his brother, was appointed ambassador to the United Kingdom by President Donald Trump. Johnson, a longtime Republican donor who once hosted a $25,000-per-person fundraiser for Trump, had no diplomatic experience before taking the job.

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Baltimore Ravens



Gayle Benson
New Orleans Saints



Virginia Halas McCaskey
Chicago Bears



Stephen Ross
Miami Dolphins



Rob Walton & Greg Penner
Denver Broncos



Amy Adams Strunk
Tennessee Titans



Janice McNair
Houston Texans



Michael Bidwill
Arizona Cardinals



Josh Harris
Washington Commanders



Sheila Ford Hamp
Detroit Lions



Jody Allen
Seattle Seahawks



Robert Kraft
New England Patriots



Jeffrey Lurie
Philadelphia Eagles



Dee & Jimmy Haslam
Cleveland Browns



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Bieniemy steps into the spotlight

After a decade under Chiefs' Reid, the longtime NFL assistant is ready to prove his offensive acumen with the Commanders

BY NICKI JHABVALA

It's not just about volume. It's volume *and* pitch, and people with voices that carry know how to create a frequency that pierces the air like a missile.

Eric Bieniemy is a master of both.

He's typically heard before he's seen at practices, shouting formations and plays — "Zebra! Zee-bra!" — or ordering running backs to cap each play with a score or issuing blunt reminders to his offense. "We can't run the f---ing play if we don't know the snap count!" he yelled during a practice late in the preseason.

A former NFL running back, Bieniemy was hired in February as the Commanders' offensive coordinator and assistant head coach, a title that lends him significant latitude in remaking the team's offense, its practice schedule and many of its daily habits.

"You guys hear him on the field," wide receiver Jahan Dotson said to reporters. "We hear him, trust me."

For some, Bieniemy's hard-nosed approach has required an adjustment. But his methods are born of experience: his time as a record-setting running back at the University of Colorado, his nine seasons as a pro and his two-plus decades of coaching and learning from leaders such as Brad Childress and Andy Reid. People who have played for him and coached with him have learned there's more than meets the eye — or ear.

"You got to look at it for a bigger purpose," Dotson said.

Details and accountability

In his 23 years of coaching, Bieniemy has helped multiple running backs — Chris Brown at Colorado, Maurice Jones-Drew at UCLA, Chester Taylor and Adrian Peterson with the Minnesota Vikings, Jamaal Charles with the Kansas City Chiefs — reach career heights. He was part of the Chiefs' seven consecutive division titles and two Super Bowl victories. Yet over the past four hiring cycles, he interviewed 15 times with 14 teams and never came away with a head coaching job.

Bieniemy's detractors often have noted he didn't always call plays as Kansas City's offensive coordinator the past five seasons. His supporters say that doesn't tell the whole story.

"There's not a facet of the game on offense where he hasn't been incredibly involved," former quarterback Alex Smith said in 2021. ". . . From protections to the run game to the pass game — he knows it all. He knows this stuff."

Reid said Bieniemy memorized the play sheets for every game. Every formation, every call.

"That's like studying for finals every week," Reid said. "He was on the headset with the quarterback, so going through that, we very seldom had to call a timeout because we didn't get a play in. He'd just spit it out and get it out there quickly. I was proud of him for that. That's not an easy thing to do."

The details Bieniemy preaches to players are the same ones he lived by during his playing career.

"He has always took great notes," said Vance Joseph, a former Colorado quarterback and now the Denver Broncos' defensive coordinator. "He was always a guy, even in college, who was good at protections and always made very few mistakes."

Joseph said Bieniemy was detailed in college but became even more so in the pros. Details became the crux of his football identity. To get on the field, he had to be immersed in the finer points as a third-down back and special teams player.

"When I came in [to the NFL], I was one of those knucklehead, hardheaded guys that had a great deal of success in college but really couldn't figure out my role," Bieniemy said.

As a rookie for the San Diego Chargers in 1991, Bieniemy once drew the ire of his head coach, Dan Henning, who criticized his lack of effort on kickoff coverage and warned that if he was the last player down field, he would be cut.

"There was a gentleman that worked in [the Chargers'] building. He came up, and he overheard the conversation, and he said, 'E.B., you're going about this the wrong way,' " Bieniemy recalled. "He said, 'Seek not to become a person of success but a person of value. The more valuable you are, the more likely you are to attain success.' I share that story with a lot of rookies because all of these guys anticipate coming in and wanting to be a starter. Everybody can't start. But what value are you going to bring to this organization?"

A 'fiery spirit'

At only 5-foot-7, Bieniemy played with a physicality that belied his stature. He left Colorado as the school's all-time leader in rushing yards, rushing touchdowns and all-purpose yards — records that still stand. His playing style was much like his coaching style: intense and thorough, with an insatiable competitive drive and a knack for leadership.

"We're playing at Iowa State [in 1990], and I'm in for my first college snap, and [Bieniemy] looks at me and says, 'Don't [mess] this up now,' " Joseph recalled. "The very first play, I go the wrong way. He was like, 'I told you, don't mess this up!' That's just him. He challenges you as a coach and a player, and he always has a fiery spirit."

When Colorado traveled to No. 22 Texas that season, Bieniemy, a senior, rallied his team to a 29-22 win after it trailed by eight points in the fourth quarter. He huddled the offense on the sideline to fire up his teammates and finished with three rushing touchdowns, including the go-ahead score.

"He was talkative," said Mike Pritchard, Bieniemy's former teammate and roommate at Colorado. "He was energetic. I think he wanted to provide that example, he wanted to set the tone, and he did that certainly for our group."

Against No. 3 Nebraska later that fall, Bieniemy fumbled five times in the first three quarters as the Buffaloes fell behind 12-0. Then in the fourth quarter, he scored four touchdowns to propel them to a 27-12 win. Colorado was crowned national champion, and Bieniemy finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting.

He went on to play nine seasons in the NFL, no easy feat for an undersized running

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In his 23 years of coaching, Eric Bieniemy — a nine-year NFL running back — has helped Adrian Peterson and other players reach career heights at the position. But his vocal style has required adjustments from some Commanders players.

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The man who 'knows it all' gets an opportunity to show it

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back. His final season was with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1999. Reid, a first-year head coach at the time, later described Bieniemy as "almost like a coach" in the way he led. Commanders Coach Ron Rivera was the Eagles' linebackers coach, and Childress, who went on to be Bieniemy's boss with the Minnesota Vikings from 2006 to 2010, led the quarterbacks.

Each morning before dawn, Childress arrived at Philadelphia's facility, and he was often frightened by Bieniemy, who sat in the hot tub in the dark, hours before others arrived.

"Every day that I drove in there and walked out on the field, maybe an hour before practice, Eric Bieniemy would always be there, standing by the goal post, stretching, getting himself ready," Childress said.

'He's the truth, man'

Maurice Jones-Drew came from a triple-option offense in high school, and he credits Bieniemy with teaching him the nuances of the running back position at UCLA from 2003 to 2005. How to play with vision, how to find the hole on running plays, how to take notes and really study, how to become a more physical player, how to lead — Bieniemy was his guide, if at times his biggest headache, too.

The two were like oil and water to start, so much so that Jones-Drew tried to transfer. But he said Bieniemy "sweet-talked" his mom to ensure he didn't leave.

It wasn't until Jones-Drew's sophomore season, when he set a school record with 322 rushing yards against Washington, that he finally understood Bieniemy's methods.

"I was ready for him to praise me and tell me how good I did," Jones-Drew said. "Before he started watching the tape, he goes, 'You could have rushed for 500 yards and broke the NCAA record, and I'm going to show you why you didn't do it.' "

"Instead of watching all the big, long runs I had, we watched all the ones where I missed the hole," Jones-Drew continued. "I was like, 'I get it now.' His expectation for me is higher than my expectation for myself."

Jones-Drew was picked in the second round of the 2006 NFL draft, during the same offseason when Bieniemy left UCLA for the Vikings. Childress had been named Minnesota's coach, and he hired Bieniemy to coach the team's running backs.

In his second season in Minnesota, the team drafted Adrian Peterson with the seventh pick. He was an instant star, but Bieniemy treated him as just another player. From afar, their contentious interactions gave the impression the two were constantly at odds. Bieniemy harped on Peterson about being on time, about listening to the full play calls in the huddle and about protections.

Years later, at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, Bieniemy got after a player while Peterson watched. Childress recalled Peterson standing next to a younger player and pointing at Bieniemy. "Peterson goes: 'He's the truth, man. He's the truth,' " Childress said.

Peterson topped 1,200 rushing yards and was voted to the Pro Bowl in each of his four seasons with Bieniemy. He, like others who played for Bieniemy, came to understand the bigger message behind his coach's demands.



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Detail-oriented as a star running back at Colorado, Eric Bieniemy became even more so in the pros. Bieniemy's former boss in Kansas City, Andy Reid, said he would memorize every formation and call on the team's play sheets for each game.

The big picture

Jones-Drew attended the NFL combine in Indianapolis a couple of years ago, at a time when he wasn't doing well mentally. Bieniemy was there with the Chiefs' staff evaluating prospects and seemed to notice his former player wasn't in a good place. So he invited Jones-Drew to spend the day with him and Reid.

"We talked about different things because he's been through it — he's played in the NFL, he's retired, he has a second career," Jones-Drew recalled. "The combine is where coaches are doing work, and he literally put that on the back burner to make sure I was okay."

Bieniemy has described Reid in a similar light, as "sometimes like a father figure" who held a high standard.

"The thing that he's done a great job of is getting me to see the big picture with everything," Bieniemy said of Reid. "But also . . . he wore that head coach title for a reason. I can't tell you how many times he threatened to fire me. I've taken him to that point at times."

As his last contract with the Chiefs neared its end, it became apparent to both men that Bieniemy needed to run his own show. He wasn't offered a head-coaching job, and Washington offered the closest thing to it: a chance to run his own offense.

"Even though he basically did that here," Reid said. "I'm not sure anybody necessarily believes me, but he did. This gave E.B. an opportunity to get out of the shadow of me here and put his own name on it."

During his introductory news conference, Bieniemy outlined his approach by repeating the truisms he learned over the past three decades. He preached the value of accountability, details and learning to be uncomfortable.

And in the early days of training camp, many Commanders players appeared uncomfortable. And exhausted. Some, according to Rivera, even told their head coach they were concerned about Bieniemy's harsh style. But by the close of camp, Bieniemy's methods had led to noticeable change.

A slimmer Antonio Gibson said he was in the best shape he had been in for years. Wide receiver Curtis Samuel extolled Bieniemy's energy, and tight end Logan Thomas talked about Bieniemy's relationship-building.

"[My dad] saw the potential in me, and he made sure that I worked to get to where I want to be in life and what I want to do," Dotson said. "I see the same things in E.B."

Perhaps the clearest sign yet that Commanders players have seen the big picture was their performance against the Baltimore Ravens in the second game of the preseason. Bieniemy said the running backs "put on a clinic" with their blitz pickups and pass protection.

"You talk about being accountable," he said with a wide smile. ". . . You're starting to see it more, and then you're seeing the conversations taking place where you don't necessarily have to hear me say, 'Hey, finish or go find work.' Now those guys are repeating everything that we've discussed over the past few months."

NFL PREVIEW



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From revolution to evolution

In 2019, the Ravens made waves with a high-powered offense. After an offseason overhaul, they want to go further this year.

BY ADAM KILGORE IN OWINGS MILLS, MD.

Lamar Jackson is a quarterback whose skills remove the limits of a coach's imagination. Before this offseason, only one offensive coordinator had gotten the chance to design an offense around him. Todd Monken became the second when the Baltimore Ravens hired him in February. After a lengthy but light walk-through practice in the middle of training camp, Monken was asked to place that opportunity in perspective. He is an excitable man, and he did not conceal his excitement.

"It's cool as hell," Monken said. "It's freaking awesome. What do you mean, putting it in perspective? Are you s----ing me? I mean, a guy with his kind of ability and the way he can make plays and see the field, and he's being diligent and wanting to learn the offense and wants empowerment — that's what you want in somebody. It's been awesome."

It was a seismic offseason for the Ravens' offense. Baltimore replaced Greg Roman with Monken, overhauled its wide receiving corps by signing free agent Odell Beckham Jr. and drafting Zay Flowers and ended more than a year of negotiating strife by signing Jackson to a contract extension. Given Jackson's ceiling and the Ravens' defensive talent, they are as equipped as any team to challenge the Kansas City Chiefs' supremacy in the grueling AFC — if their revamped offense can deliver.

Baltimore is betting Monken can further unlock Jackson by building on the offense Roman designed, which had grown stale after four years. When Jackson became the starter in 2019, Coach John Harbaugh described the team's new system as a "revolution" in offensive football. Four years later, the Ravens want to keep many of the principles that have allowed Jackson to build a 45-16 record as their starter. But they also want to do more, especially in the passing game. It's not revolution the Ravens want. It's evolution.

"So many of the schemes are similar, and a lot of the words and terms are the same," Harbaugh said. "We kept a lot of it. Todd has done a really great job of trying to blend it all together to create what we're going to be going forward. . . . How new and how different it will be, we'll find out."

The first thing to know about what Monken's offense will look like is that there is no Todd Monken offense. He has coached 34 years in college and the NFL, his last stop as the play caller for two Georgia national title teams. In Athens, he mixed spread concepts, power running, play-action passes and West Coast elements. A deeper study of his history — which includes offensive coordinator posts with the Cleveland Browns and Tampa Bay Buccaneers — reveals no clearer preference for style or scheme. That is by design.

"It's not my offense," Monken said. "This is the Ravens' offense. . . . When I was at Georgia, that was the Georgia offense. That was what we did there. What we do here is the Ravens' offense. What we do is what gives us the best chance to win. It's really not my offense. No matter what I run, I didn't invent. I've never liked that phrase. Because it's what we do. Everybody's a part of it. [Tight ends coach] George Godsey is a part of it. [Quarterbacks coach] Tee Martin is a part of it. It's the Ravens' offense.

"For me, wherever I've been, it's always been a blend. When I went to Georgia, there was a blend of what I like, what they've done, what they've been successful at. There's always a blend of that. I'm not so pigeonholed into one system where that's what we have to do. To me, we'll do whatever it takes to be successful."

Any expansion of Baltimore's offensive success will begin with Jackson's passing, particularly to wide receivers. In 12 games last year before a knee injury ended his season, Jackson's yards per passing attempt dropped to 6.9, the lowest of his career. He ranked 32nd of 40 qualified quarterbacks in deep passing, according to Pro Football Focus.

Jackson's partnership with tight end Mark Andrews remained prolific, but the Ravens' passing game functioned with little contribution from wide receivers. In the 11 full games he played, Jackson passed for 1,090 yards to wideouts — just 99.1 per game — and 8.4 yards per attempt. Only twice — Rashod Bateman in Week 2, DeMarcus Robinson in Week 10 — did a Baltimore wide receiver notch a 100-yard game.

It made sense, then, that the Ravens prioritized the position this offseason. Flowers's quickness has turned heads at training camp. Nelson Agholor, a low-key free agent addition, has developed a quick rapport with Jackson. But the biggest splash came when the Ravens signed Beckham to a one-year, $15 million contract in April.

"It made my job a lot easier," Jackson said, smiling, after a joint practice with the Washington Commanders. "Those guys were flying around, making spectacular catches."

Beckham arrived in Baltimore while Jackson and the Ravens remained in a contractual standoff. He still talked with Jackson before and immediately after he signed. "It was always a mutual respect from afar," Beckham said. "I watched him when he was in college. I watched him when he was here. You have a deep respect for greats."

Beckham and Jackson have deepened their relationship on the field. On the sideline at a joint practice, they usually stood together, gesturing and chatting about plays they had just run.

As Beckham frequently points out, he has not played a football game in more than 500 days, since he helped the Los Angeles Rams win the Super Bowl in January 2022. In recovering from knee surgery to repair torn ligaments, he has still regained much of the athleticism that has made him, in guard Kevin Zeitler's phrasing, "an outlier." During one practice with the Commanders, Beckham ran past rookie cornerback Emmanuel Forbes, one of the fastest players at the NFL combine.

"He's definitely got some speed," Beckham said. "But I told you: I've still got a little bit left in here. Do you know what I mean?"

The Ravens are counting on Beckham to approach his peak form. The details of Monken's offense remain unknown and probably will shift as the season progresses. But the underlying aim is to increase big plays. "That's the goal — to be explosive," Beckham said.

Zeitler, the veteran offensive lineman, said the pace and efficiency of Monken's play-calling have stood out. He has emphasized small details. During one play in a training camp walk-through, Jackson sent a running back in motion. Monken halted the play, sprinted into the backfield and gave Jackson a histrionic explanation, arms waving and head nodding. When the play resumed, Jackson sent the back in motion to Monken's satisfaction, even though it looked identical to a lay observer.

Armed with a $260 million contract and beyond the acrimony of the past two seasons, Jackson has taken a new level of ownership. He spotted a route concept while watching videos on social media, then texted Martin so he could pass it along to Monken, who added the play during a practice. "It made me feel good," Jackson said. "Coach listens to me."

Monken has encouraged Jackson to recommend more plays as he shapes an offense that may decide the balance of power in the AFC North, perhaps the NFL's strongest division. What it looks like is still a mystery.

"We're always under construction — a player is, an offense is," Monken said. "What it'll look like Week 12, 13, 14 compared to what it'll be to start, that remains to be seen."



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After quarterback Lamar Jackson, top, finished 2022 with the lowest yards per attempt of his career, the Ravens made a host of changes to their staff, including hiring Todd Monken, above, to replace Greg Roman as offensive coordinator.



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Here are the year's marquee matchups

With Rodgers in the fold, the Jets join Mahomes's Chiefs among the teams to watch opening weekend and beyond

BY MARK MASKE

It has been almost seven months since the Kansas City Chiefs knocked off the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LVII, and both conference champions should be back in the title conversation this fall. Here's a look at some of the highest-stakes games of the upcoming NFL season, in Week 1 and beyond.

Week 1

Detroit Lions at Chiefs (Thursday, 8:20 p.m.): The NFL made an interesting choice in picking the Chiefs' opponent in the season-opening game in Kansas City. The Lions are not exactly a marquee team, other than their annual Thanksgiving appearance. But they will attempt to reach the playoffs after going 9-8 last season, a huge improvement from their 3-13-1 miseries in 2021. Their use of the 12th selection in the draft on a running back, Jahmyr Gibbs, was curious, especially at a time when there is so much talk about the position being devalued in today's game. But Gibbs could be a versatile playmaker for quarterback Jared Goff. For the Chiefs, quarterback Patrick Mahomes begins his seventh NFL season, in pursuit of his third Super Bowl title and third league MVP award.

Arizona Cardinals at Washington Commanders (Sunday, 1 p.m.): It was a feel-good preseason for the Commanders and their fans after NFL team owners voted unanimously at a July 20 meeting to approve the $6.05 billion sale of the franchise by Daniel Snyder to Josh Harris. Now things get serious for Harris and his team. Coach Ron Rivera and everyone else in the organization must prove themselves to the new boss. Washington has a decent team around second-year quarterback Sam Howell. But if he doesn't produce, it may not matter. Opening with the Cardinals, who will be without quarterback Kyler Murray while he works his way back from last season's knee injury, was a gift.

Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears (Sunday, 4:25 p.m.): The Packers begin to find out if they were justified in trading away Aaron Rodgers to give Jordan Love his opportunity at quarterback. There undoubtedly will be some growing pains, for Love as well as the young group of key offensive players around him. The Packers probably will not be a candidate, at least in Love's first season as their starter, to make a run deep in the NFC playoffs. But they could remain competitive in a division that is less than imposing.

Miami Dolphins at Los Angeles Chargers (Sunday, 4:25 p.m.): The AFC is absolutely loaded. It's possible to make a case for about a dozen teams in the conference being legitimate playoff contenders. These two are probably in the second tier of contenders, a level below the big three of the Chiefs, Cincinnati Bengals and Buffalo Bills. It probably would take an MVP-caliber season from one of these quarterbacks — Justin Herbert of the Chargers or Tua Tagovailoa of the Dolphins — to elevate his team into the Super Bowl-contending mix.



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Reigning NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes, top, and the Chiefs will begin their Super Bowl defense against the Lions on Thursday night. Four days later, Aaron Rodgers, above, will take on the Bills in his regular season debut for the Jets.

Bills at New York Jets (Monday, 8:15 p.m.): Rodgers makes his Jets debut on the "Monday Night Football" stage against a Bills team trying to finally break through and take the next step by getting back to a Super Bowl. Rodgers and the Jets could make a significant opening-night statement with a victory. The bar is set high for a legendary quarterback moving to a new team. The last one to do it, Tom Brady, won a Super Bowl in his first season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after leaving the New England Patriots. Merely making the playoffs would be progress for the Jets. But if that's the season's biggest accomplishment, it probably would feel like a major letdown.

Weeks 2 through 18

Chiefs at Jets (Oct. 1, 8:20 p.m.): It's Mahomes vs. Rodgers in a Sunday night game. Rodgers's arrival has made the Jets a major attraction, and they will have plenty of chances to prove themselves in high-profile games against top teams.

Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers (Oct. 8, 8:20 p.m.): The 49ers and Eagles appear to be the class of the NFC entering the season. San Francisco will hope that second-year quarterback Brock Purdy, back from offseason elbow surgery, can build on the surprising success of his rookie season. The Cowboys are among a small group of challengers who could keep pace with the NFC's two front-running teams.

Eagles at Jets (Oct. 15, 4:25 p.m.): The defending NFC champs get their chance against Rodgers's team.

Eagles at Chiefs (Nov. 20, 8:15 p.m.): The rematch of a competitive and exciting Super Bowl comes on a Monday night at Arrowhead Stadium. Both teams presumably will be right back in the top-contender mix.

Dolphins at Jets (Nov. 24, 3 p.m.): It's an intriguing AFC East matchup on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

49ers at Eagles (Dec. 3, 4:25 p.m.): The 49ers return to the stadium where they lost a lopsided NFC championship game in which they ran out of healthy quarterbacks. If Purdy is healthy and playing well, it could be a what-might-have-been day for the 49ers and their fans, in addition to being an important game between teams likely to be jockeying for playoff positioning at the top of the conference.

Bengals at Chiefs (Dec. 31, 4:25 p.m.): The latest installment in what suddenly has become one of the NFL's better rivalries takes place on New Year's Eve. The Bengals and Chiefs have faced each other in the past two AFC championship games. And there's no reason to believe they won't be in the running for a third straight such matchup.

Jets at Patriots (Week 18, day and time TBD): The Jets end their regular season in Foxborough, Mass. If they have not lived up to expectations by this point, Rodgers's future with the franchise might be a topic of conversation.

ANALYSIS

No coach has a hotter seat than Rivera

Historical data on firings can tell us which teams are likely to cut bait this year — and Washington leads the way

BY NEIL GREENBERG



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From left, Todd Bowles, Matt Eberflus, Josh McDaniels and Ron Rivera are coaches at risk of being fired based on their track records.

NFL coaches, perhaps more than their peers in any other North American pro sport, are under a constant microscope. Every decision they make and sentence they utter gets analyzed, and their results and merits are scrutinized year-round. Too many losses, and coaches will find themselves on the hot seat, where job security can be as unpredictable as a last-minute heave into the end zone.

But how accurately can we identify which coaches should be on the hottest seats as the 2023 season gets underway? For that, historical data can offer at least one version of a guide, as Brian Burke displayed for ESPN in 2017. We know plenty of information about former NFL head coaches at the time of their firing, which can inform our expectations. What were their records with their teams, and how successful were they in the postseason, if they made it that far? How long had they gone since their last playoff appearance and since their last playoff win? Team owners and front offices have given coaches with Super Bowl résumés more leeway, which can also be factored in.

This particular model analyzes all those factors for coaches who have been fired since 2002, when the league expanded to 32 teams. Some of the factors, such as regular season and playoff success in 2023, are estimated using betting markets. Others are simply based on past results.

Cumulative win rate for the coach with the franchise: This one is obvious: A higher overall win rate can generally keep seats nice and cool.

Change in wins from 2022 to 2023: Using win totals set by Vegas oddsmakers, this element attempts to capture the estimated improvement or decline in a team's performance this coming season. A notable drop in wins from one season to the next can significantly impact a coach's job security.

Playoff contention odds: This is another predictive element, related to but different from the predicted win total. Making the playoffs can positively influence a coach's job security, while not qualifying for the postseason is often the first line of criticism leveled against coaches.

Years since last playoff appearance: In most cases, the longer it has been since a team last reached the postseason, the more scrutiny its coach will face.

Years since last playoff win: Achieving playoff success is the ultimate goal, and accounting for the span since a team's last playoff victory adds an extra layer to the evaluation.

Super Bowl wins and appearances: Frequent trips to the NFL's pinnacle can protect a coach's job, while a lack of Super Bowl success can be held against even accomplished coaches when a franchise seeks championship-level performance.

Let's look at Mike Nolan's tenure with the San Francisco 49ers as an example of how our Coach Hot Seat Index functions. Nolan was hired in 2005; the club went 16-32 over his first three seasons, winning two fewer games in 2007 than it had in 2006, a downward arc that makes the index quiver. The 49ers also missed the playoffs all three seasons. Based on those results, the model gave Nolan a 47 percent chance of being fired by the end of 2007. Nolan survived, but in 2008 he started 2-5, at which point the model would have given him a 62 percent chance of losing his job. San Francisco indeed fired him after Week 7.

The Coach Hot Seat Index simply looks at these factors and then assesses the likelihood a coach with a similar résumé would be fired. It doesn't take into account external factors, such as front office changes, owner sentiment, tradition or the weight of local reputation. That's why Dallas Cowboys Coach Mike McCarthy has a low chance of being fired (two percent), despite speculation that team owner Jerry Jones would consider a change if the team doesn't advance past the first round of the playoffs. In three seasons with Dallas, McCarthy has a 30-20 record and two playoff appearances, including a playoff win last season. According to historical data, that would *not* make him a strong candidate to lose his job after this fourth season.

Others can adjust the temperature of a coach's hot seat up or down based on particular circumstances. Nevertheless, the index identifies coaches who — based on expectations for this season, recent results and the historical treatment of NFL coaches — should expect to feel their seat warming up as the weather gets colder:

Ron Rivera, Washington Commanders

Rivera appears to be in a sticky situation as the Commanders move into a new era. His record with the franchise is subpar, and like past coaches in Washington, he has moved through a succession of underwhelming quarterback acquisitions, leading to a record of 22-27-1. This year, Rivera will entrust the starting role to Sam Howell, a fifth-round pick in 2022, with experienced journeyman Jacoby Brissett waiting in the wings.

Whoever is under center will have to navigate playing behind an offensive line ranked 27th by Pro Football Focus heading into the season. Not exactly a blueprint for the franchise to earn its first playoff win since the 2005 season. And if the Commanders *do* thrive offensively, new offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy figures to get much of the credit.

Plus, there is a new ownership group in place that presumably will want to put its own stamp on the franchise unless a terrific season unfolds in 2023. How terrific? History says a coach who stops a playoff win drought and improves his regular season record by two wins — which would mean a 10-7 finish for Washington — would reduce his chance of being fired to less than 10 percent. Oddsmakers, though, give the Commanders the lowest odds of making the playoffs of any team in the NFC East.

Josh McDaniels, Las Vegas Raiders

A 6-11 record in McDaniels's debut season didn't inspire confidence, especially after the team made the playoffs the season before his arrival. Despite the Raiders' attempts to overhaul the roster and upgrade the quarterback position with Jimmy Garoppolo, discontent from three-time all-pro wide receiver Davante Adams and anticipated on-field struggles loom large. (Oddsmakers have set their win total at just 6.5.) Pro Football Focus ranked the squad 21st overall heading into the season, with defense listed as its biggest weakness in the tough AFC West.

If the Raiders fail to show improvement, McDaniels — whose first head coaching job ended after two seasons — could be at risk again.

Matt Eberflus, Chicago Bears

Eberflus took on the Bears job last season with an understanding of the challenge, yet the former Indianapolis Colts defensive coordinator saw his team surrender 105 more points than expected in 2022 after taking into account the down, distance and field position of each play against it. That was the worst mark in the league. Despite offseason efforts to bolster the unit, Pro Football Focus lists Chicago's run defense as its biggest weakness.

Eberflus's lack of a track record as a head coach and his team's defensive struggles might put his position in jeopardy if his revamped roster fails to deliver.

Todd Bowles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

A lifetime record of 34-50, including an underwhelming 8-9 mark during Tom Brady's last season in the NFL, is concerning. The Buccaneers' performance with a talented roster last season did not match expectations. With the transition to Baker Mayfield at quarterback, the pressure on Bowles should be even greater. Tampa Bay declined from 13 to eight wins in one season under Bowles; a further slump could prompt a call for change.

Robert Saleh, New York Jets

Saleh's two-year tenure with the Jets has produced a lackluster 11-23 record. The unsuccessful experiment with young quarterback Zach Wilson (selected with the No. 2 pick in 2021) has added to the scrutiny. Picking up four-time MVP Aaron Rodgers should help — and will certainly increase the attention on Gang Green — but missing the playoffs for a third straight season could lead to Saleh's firing, especially if New York fails to approach the lofty expectations set by fans, media and the franchise.

Watt as MVP? Falcons taking NFC South? A crazy prediction for each division.

BY NEIL GREENBERG AND SCOTT ALLEN

The NFL's unpredictability is part of what makes it so appealing, but that never stops fans and pundits from making bold predictions this time of year. In the spirit of that tradition, and with an extra degree of boldness, here are eight things — from breakout performances to unprecedented feats — that probably won't (but maybe will!) happen this NFL season:

AFC East

Bills set defensive touchdown record: The Bills and San Francisco 49ers are the only teams whose defensive line, linebackers and secondary all rank among the top 10 in Pro Football Focus's unit rankings. That synergy presents an opportunity for Buffalo's defense to build on last year's 27 takeaways, only one of which was returned for a touchdown. With a little luck, it could even be enough for the Bills to challenge the 1998 Seattle Seahawks' record of 10 defensive scores.

Here's the formula for Buffalo's defense to become a points-generating machine in 2023, as Coach Sean McDermott assumes defensive play-calling duties for departed defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier: The defensive line pressures quarterbacks, disrupting passes and causing hasty decisions; the linebackers cover the middle of the field and contribute to forcing fumbles; and the secondary capitalizes on errant throws and loose balls, converting turnovers into scores. Simple, right?

AFC North

Steelers LB T.J. Watt is named MVP: Watt, a three-time first-team all-pro, tied the single-season record with 22.5 sacks in only 15 games in 2021, earning defensive player of the year honors. He's fully healthy after a torn pectoral and knee injury limited him to 10 games last season, so could this be the year he adds the MVP award to his trophy case? Only two defensive players (Alan Page in 1971 and Lawrence Taylor in 1986) have ever won.

With new metrics available to quantify defensive play, a defensive player winning the award is increasingly likely. For example, over the past three seasons, teams scored 2.3 points per drive (per data from TruMedia) when they did not give up a sack, compared with just 1.0 points per drive when they allowed one sack. It's easy to see how many points are saved if your best defensive player has 22.5 sacks in a season.

AFC South

Calvin Ridley leads league in receiving yards: Ridley is 28, but he's a young 28 in NFL years after being sidelined for most of the past two seasons. After playing five games with the Atlanta Falcons in 2021, the former Alabama star announced he was stepping away to focus on his mental well-being. In March 2022, the league suspended him for betting on NFL games. Ridley was reinstated in March.

In 2020, Ridley posted career-high marks of 90 catches and 1,374 yards, which ranked sixth in the league. While serving his suspension, he was traded to the Jacksonville Jaguars, and he has developed quick chemistry with third-year quarterback Trevor Lawrence. Expect him to feast on below-average defenses.

AFC West

Justin Herbert sets passing touchdown record: After passing for 5,014 yards and 38 touchdowns in 2021, Herbert took a statistical step back in his third season. While his completion percentage saw a slight bump, he averaged fewer yards per attempt and had only 25 touchdown tosses. It didn't help that Herbert's leading wide receivers, Mike Williams and Keenan Allen, combined to miss 11 games because of injuries. Williams and Allen are both healthy entering this season, and the Chargers added another weapon: first-round wide receiver Quentin Johnston.

Since Peyton Manning set the single-season passing touchdown record with 55 in 2013, Patrick Mahomes is the only quarterback to throw at least 50 in a season. If Herbert's wideouts and pass-catching running back Austin Ekeler (13 receiving touchdowns over the past two seasons) can stay healthy, he has the talent to challenge Manning's mark.

NFC East

Tony Pollard leads league in touchdowns: Pollard set a career high in touchdowns last season with 12 and enters the year as the unquestioned starter after the Cowboys released veteran Ezekiel Elliott in March. Elliott's departure leaves a ton of opportunities up for grabs, and Pollard figures to claim most of them.

A simple back-of-the-envelope calculation using last year's efficiency projects Pollard to finish with 15 or more touchdowns if he gets just a quarter of Elliott's workload from last season — and perhaps 20 if he gets half or more. Twenty touchdowns would have been enough to tie or lead the league in total touchdowns in 18 of the past 20 seasons.

NFC North

Jahmyr Gibbs leads league in rushing yards: In 2022, the Lions rushed for more than 2,000 yards in a season for the first time since Barry Sanders was juking defenders in 1997. Then, in the offseason, they overhauled their running backs room, allowing Jamaal Williams (1,066 yards, 17 touchdowns) to walk in free agency and trading 2020 second-round pick D'Andre Swift (542 rushing yards). Detroit replaced that duo by signing veteran David Montgomery and drafting Gibbs 12th. The 5-foot-9, 200-pound Gibbs averaged 6.1 yards per carry last season at Alabama. Though he and Montgomery are expected to split carries at the start of the year, expect the rookie to emerge as the Lions' primary back.

NFC South

Falcons go from worst to first: Last season, the Jaguars became the 24th team in the past 20 years to win their division one year after finishing last. The Falcons are the most likely candidate to pull off a turnaround in 2023. After finishing 7-10 in Coach Arthur Smith's second year at the helm, Atlanta took serious steps to revamp a defense that ranked 27th per Pro Football Focus and 30th per Football Outsiders in 2022. The team signed six-time Pro Bowl selection Calais Campbell and David Onyemata to play alongside holdover Grady Jarrett, giving Atlanta three top interior linemen. Free agent signee Kaden Elliss looks to bolster the linebacker corps, and safety Jessie Bates III should do the same for the secondary.

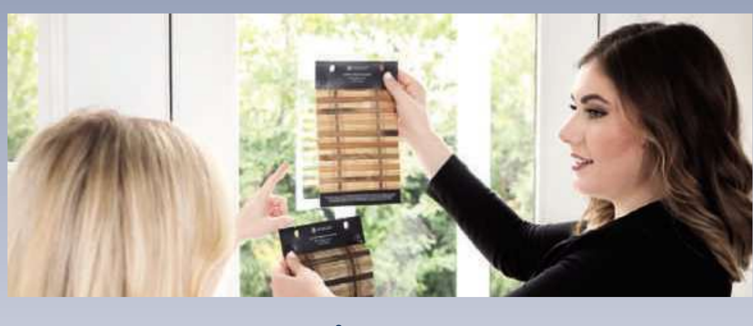
The crux of Atlanta's potential resurgence hinges on the performance of second-year quarterback Desmond Ridder. A weak division is there for the taking.

NFC West

49ers miss the playoffs: While the 49ers have made the NFC championship game two years in a row and boast an elite defense, they face uncertainty at quarterback. Starter Brock Purdy, Mr. Irrelevant of the 2022 NFL draft, had a solid five-game regular season run that stretched into the playoffs, but he is still largely an unknown; he has just 233 pass attempts as a pro and is coming off elbow surgery. Backup Sam Darnold has a career 78.2 rating.

San Francisco has a dominant defense and versatile weapons on offense, including Christian McCaffrey and Deebo Samuel, but it had better hope that one of its quarterbacks emerges as a dependable starter. Since 2002, when the league expanded to 32 teams, only 18 percent of playoff teams had a starting quarterback who didn't earn an above-average passer rating during the regular season. The Seahawks were surprisingly competitive last year and could challenge for the NFC West crown in 2023, especially if Purdy fails to replicate last year's success.

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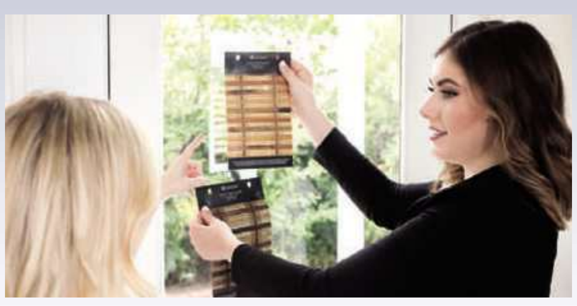
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